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Bagpiper Adam Parchert of Carpentersville, Ill., plays during a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at the Carpentersville Fire Department Friday, Sept 11, 2015.
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Migrant quota plan rebuffed by 4 European nations

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — At least four countries Friday firmly rejected a European Union plan to impose refugee quotas to ease a worsening migrant crisis that Ger-

rowing criticism about its stance toward the asylum seekers. Other EU leaders and human rights groups accuse the government of gross mismanagement or serious negligence in housing, feeding and processing the migrants trav-

er line, saying his country intended to catch, convict and imprison people who continue to penetrate its new border barriers as part of get-tough border security measures scheduled to begin Tuesday. "If they don't cross into

people," said 31-year-old Amer Zein, from the Syrian city of Aleppo, who crossed into Macedonia on Friday. Still, he was determined to push on to Germany with his wife, brother and a friend, despite what he had heard was happening

said. Bottlenecks have developed at the borders during the crisis as thousands of people, many from war-torn Syria, travel across the eastern flank of Europe. Reflecting those tensions at the main crossing into Austria, a trickle of migrants marching toward Vienna quickly swelled into a torrent early Friday toward a major Austrian highway. Police briefly closed the A4 motorway to Vienna because of the potential dangers posed by people walking on the road. The trek was sparked by an Austrian Federal Railways decision to suspend train shuttle service for the migrants to Vienna from the Nickelsdorf crossing, citing overcrowding. But Austrian officials later rounded up extra buses and taxis to ferry people to Vienna, along with the three regular trains scheduled from Nickelsdorf.

The shuttle shutdown followed the company's suspension Thursday of all train service toward Vienna from the Hungarian capital, Budapest, where thousands have overwhelmed the main Keleti station to try to board westbound trains. Only a relatively few people have sought asylum once in Vienna. Instead, the capital has served as a transit point for many arriving in the past week.

Most have gone on to Germany, where 450,000 migrants have entered. It is expecting at least 800,000 this year, the most in Europe. Munich authorities said more than 40,000 people have arrived in the past six days.

Hans Peter Doskozil, the police chief of eastern Burgenland, said 7,500 people had crossed into Austria at Nickelsdorf on Thursday alone.

Steinmeier, the German foreign minister, was in Prague to try to round up support for a plan put forth Wednesday by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to share 120,000 refugees now in Greece, Italy and Hungary among the EU nations. □



Syrian refugees wait to be registered by police in the southern Serbian town of Presevo, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Tens of thousands of people, many from war-torn Syria, have traveled across the eastern flank of Europe, from Turkey to Greece by sea, over land in Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary and Austria. Tense bottlenecks have developed at those borders, especially since Hungary began building a fence to keep the migrants out. (AP Photo/Santi Palacios)

many's foreign minister said was "probably the biggest challenge" in the history of the 28-nation bloc.

Hungary, which along with the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland said it would not support the proposal, threatened instead to crack down on the thousands of people streaming across its borders daily as they flee war and persecution.

The stance by those Central European countries reflected a hardening front against distributing at least some of the refugees among them and was a stinging rebuff to German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, who traveled to Prague to try to persuade them to reconsider.

While the Czechs, Slovaks and Poles have been relatively unaffected by the influx, Hungary has faced

eling from the Balkans and through Hungary to Western Europe.

Peter Bouckaert of Human Rights Watch asserted Hungary was keeping migrants and refugees "in pens like animals, out in the sun without food and water."

A video that the rights group said was from inside a holding facility at the border town of Roszke showed metal fences surrounding clusters of tents and dividing migrants into groups. Guards were depicted throwing food into the air for desperate people to grab.

Erno Simon, a spokesman in Hungary for the U.N. refugee agency, said the housing situation in Roszke with nighttime temperatures falling to near freezing "is really very, very alarming." Unfazed, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban threatened an even hard-

Hungary territory legally, we will consider it a crime," Orban said, saying the "illegal immigrants" had no one to blame but themselves for any hardships suffered.

"They don't cooperate. They are not willing to go to the places where they receive provisions: food, water, shelter, health care. They have risen up against Hungary's legal order," he told a Budapest news conference.

Hungarian police already are overwhelmed with the influx and are unlikely to be able to mount an effective effort to jail those deemed to be entering illegally. Still, Orban's comments were likely to feed the trepidation some of the migrants already were expressing Friday even while still hundreds of kilometers (miles) away from Hungary, "We heard they are hitting

in Hungary.

"We will sit and do whatever the police tell us. We are afraid, but we must get through," he said.

A Hungarian camerawoman who was caught on video kicking and tripping migrants near the Serbian border offered a qualified apology Friday.

In a letter in the Magyar Nemzet newspaper, Petra Laszlo said she was "sincerely sorry for what happened," but added: "I was scared as they streamed toward me, and then something snapped inside me."

The 40-year-old was fired by the right-wing N1TV online channel after video of her taken by other journalists went viral. Police released Laszlo without charges after questioning her on suspicion of disorderly conduct. An investigation is continuing, they

On Sept. 11 Anniversary, Appeals to Remember as Time Passes

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sept. 11 victims' relatives marked the anniversary of the terror attacks Friday in a subdued gathering at ground zero, saying their determination to commemorate their loss publicly hadn't dimmed even as 14 years have passed and crowds at the ceremony have thinned. Hundreds of victims' relatives — fewer than thronged the observances in their early years — gath-

who lost his son, Paul Acquaviva, a systems analyst who died in the trade center's north tower. Carrying photos emblazoned with the names of their loved ones, victims' relatives prayed for peace, praised first responders and the armed forces and, mostly, sent personal messages of enduring loss and remembrance to loved ones some had never even had the chance to know.

"I wish I could meet you," Valerie Arnold said to the memory of her uncle, fire-



A message memorializing a son is wrapped around a flag at the Ohio Statehouse lawn on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, which oversees the Statehouse grounds, says the flags represent the lives lost during the 2001 attacks. (Eric Albrecht/The Columbus Dispatch via AP)



At the Pentagon Memorial a K-9 officer pauses as he looks toward the U.S. flag as it is draped on the side of the Pentagon where the building was attacked on September 11th in 2001, on the 14th anniversary of the attack, Friday Sept. 11, 2015, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

ered for what has become a tradition of tolling bells, moments of silence and the reading of the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror strikes at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. "We come every year. The crowds get smaller, but we want to be here. As long as I'm breathing, I'll be here," said Tom Acquaviva, 81,

fighter Michael Boyle, who was off-duty but responded to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, before she was born. In Washington, President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama stepped out of the White House at 8:46 a.m. — when the first plane hit the north tower — to observe a moment of silence. Later Friday, President Obama was scheduled to observe the

anniversary with a visit to Fort Meade, Maryland, in recognition of the military's work to protect the country. The Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville in western Pennsylvania was marking the completion of its visitor center, which opened to the public Thursday. At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Ash Carter and other officials were

joining in remembrances for victims' relatives and Pentagon employees. An estimated 20,000 people flocked to the memorial plaza on the evening of Sept. 11 last year, the first year the public was able to visit on the anniversary. The plaza was to open three hours earlier after the anniversary ceremony. "When we did open it up, it was just like life

coming in," National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum President Joe Daniels said this week. While the memorial will still be reserved for victims' relatives and other invitees during the morning ceremony, afterward, "the general public that wants to come and pay their respects on this most sacred ground should be let in as soon as possible." □



Victims' family members look on during a ceremony at the World Trade Center site in New York on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Hundreds of victims' relatives gathered for what has become a tradition of tolling bells, moments of silence and the reading of the names of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror strikes at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

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Obama warns Russia against helping arm Syrian government

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama warned Russia Friday against doubling down on its support for Syrian President Bashar Assad, casting a recent buildup of Russian military equipment and personnel in Syria as an effort to prop up the embattled leader.

"The strategy they're pursuing right now of doubling down on Assad is a mistake," Obama said during a town hall with U.S. military personnel.

Russia denies it's trying to bolster Assad and instead says its increased military activity is part of the international effort to defeat the Islamic State, the terror group that has wreaked havoc in both Syria and Iraq. Earlier Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called on world powers to join his country in that



President Barack Obama waves upon arrival at the White House in Washington, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, from a trip to Fort Meade, Md., where he held a town hall with service members on the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

pursuit, arguing that Syria's army is the most efficient force to fight the extremist network.

"You cannot defeat Islamic State with air strikes only," Lavrov said, a dig at Obama's strategy. "It's necessary to cooperate with ground troops and the Syrian army is the most efficient and powerful ground

force to fight the IS."

Russia's military moves have punctured what had been a notable uptick in optimism among U.S. officials about the prospect that Moscow was tiring of Assad, its longtime ally. Syria has been gripped by civil war for more than four years, a conflict that has claimed more than 250,000

lives and created a vacuum for extremism to thrive. For months, U.S. officials have been gauging Russia's willingness to help restart a political process to remove Assad from power. Obama, however, painted a grim prospect of that happening in light of Russia's new action.

"It could prevent us from arriving at the political solution that's ultimately needed to bring a peace back to Syria," he said.

Secretary of State John Kerry has spoken twice with Lavrov this week to warn that the Russian military buildup could lead to an escalation of the bloody conflict. The crisis in Syria is also likely to be a major topic when world leaders head to the United Nations later this month for an annual gathering.

Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin are both scheduled to attend the UN meetings, though

it's unclear whether they'll meet. Some analysts believe Russia wants to have its military force in Syria ready for action by the time Putin arrives in New York.

Despite the warnings from the U.S., Lavrov said Russia would continue to supply Assad with weapons that he said will help defeat Islamic State fighters.

"I can only say once again that our servicemen and military experts are there to service Russian military hardware, to assist the Syrian army in using this hardware," he said at a news conference in Moscow. "And we will continue to supply it to the Syrian government in order to ensure its proper combat readiness in its fight against terrorism."

Russia has been a longtime backer of Syria, and it has supported Assad throughout the civil war by shielding him from U.N. sanctions and providing weapons. □



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Rick Perry first to exit 2016 Republican presidential race

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ST. LOUIS (AP) Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry ended his second bid for the Republican presidential nomination on Friday, becoming the first major candidate of the 2016 campaign to give up on the White House.

The longest-serving governor in Texas history told a group of conservative activists in St. Louis that "some things have become clear" and he was suspending his campaign.

"We have a tremendous field of candidates probably the greatest group of men and women," Perry said.

"I step aside knowing our party is in good hands, as long as we listen to the grassroots, listen to that cause of conservatism. If we do that, then our party will be in good hands." Well over a dozen Republicans are competing for the party's nomination.

Four years after his first bid for the White House ended

after disappointing finishes in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, Perry this time couldn't even make it to the second debate night of the 2016 race after failing to poll well enough to qualify. In a debate four years ago, he couldn't remember the third federal agency he'd promised to close if elected and muttered, "Oops" a moment that doomed his bid.

The 2016 Republican campaign has been dominated by billionaire Donald Trump, who stole away Perry's Iowa campaign chairman after Perry was forced to suspend paying members of his staff as his campaign fundraising dried up. A group of super PACs, largely funded by three big Perry backers, had briefly kept Perry afloat by raising \$17. His decision Friday came as a surprise to those groups, which are barred from communicating directly with the campaign.



Republican presidential candidate, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks at the Eagle Council XLIV, sponsored by the Eagle Forum in St. Louis Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. During the speech Perry said he is ending his second bid for the Republican presidential nomination, becoming the first major candidate of the 2016 campaign to give up on the White House.

(AP Photo/Sid Hastings)

Justice Department affirms Clinton had right to delete personal emails

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is affirming that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had the right to delete personal emails from her private server. Government lawyers made the assertion in a court filing this week in a public records lawsuit filed by Judicial Watch, an advocacy group.

The legal filing says "there is no question" that Clinton could have deleted personal emails without agen-

cy supervision and could have done so even if she'd been using a government server.

Judicial Watch had asked a federal judge to issue an order ensuring that all Clinton's emails were preserved.

The Justice Department said there was no need for such an order given that Clinton had the right to delete personal emails and that those messages are not subject to the public records law.

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Police and emergency responders stand outside a McDonald's located inside Union Station in Washington, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, after a security guard shot a suspect who attacked a worker with a knife at the restaurant. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Police:

Man shot by guard at D.C. rail station

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man stabbed a woman and then was shot by a security guard at Washington's Union Station on Friday, sending people fleeing outside as trains were briefly stopped and officers converged on the massive transit hub.

"I saw people running, and I just started running. It sounded like it was right next to me," said Ursula Lauriston, a 28-year-old magazine editor who was ordering lunch at Jamba Juice, one of dozens of restaurants and shops in the station. "... People were completely confused as to what was going on, and no one knew whether to run or hide."

The incident came on the 14th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks,

but police said there was no apparent connection between the two.

"Obviously, with this being 9/11, fears were heightened and escalated," D.C. police Commander Jeff Brown said. But officials said they believe the incident was the result of a domestic dispute.

The security officer — a private security guard associated with the Securities and Exchange Commission, across the street from Union Station — saw the man stabbing the woman and chased him, police said. The man turned and pointed the knife at the security guard, lunging at him, according to police. The guard fired one shot, and the man was wounded in the side, officials said.

Both the man and the woman's injuries were

believed to be non-life-threatening, police said. Their identities were not yet released.

Union Station — home to national railroad Amtrak's headquarters — is bigger than the nearby U.S. Capitol, and some 90,000 people pass through each day. Flags on the towering poles outside the station's main entrance were flying at half-staff Friday in remembrance of 9/11.

Lauriston said that once she was outside the station, she felt "that need to capture the moment." She snapped a photo of people fleeing and tweeted it. She said she's relieved that police suspect a domestic dispute is to blame.

"I thought it was a terror act just because Union Station would be a prime location for something like that," she said. □

APNewsBreak: Spying fears drive US from Chinese-owned Waldorf

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AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fears of espionage have driven the U.S. government from New York's famed Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which has housed presidents and other top American officials for decades but was bought last year by a Chinese firm from Hilton Worldwide.

Instead, President Barack Obama, his top aides and staff along with the sizable diplomatic contingent who trek to Manhattan every September for the annual U.N. General Assembly will work and stay at the New York Palace Hotel, the White House and State Department said.

The Associated Press first reported the impending move in June but it wasn't formally announced until Friday, a day after the final contract was signed with the Palace.

Officials said the change is due in large part to concerns about Chinese espionage, although White House and State Department spokesmen said the decision was based on several considerations, including space, costs and security.

"While I don't have the details on the specific arrangement that's in place for the president's trip to New York in a couple of weeks, I can confirm the report that president will stay and the rest of the US delegation will stay at the New York Palace Hotel," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters.

At the State Department, spokesman Mark Toner said the decision followed a review "to take into account changing circumstances."

In addition to the switch for the U.N. meeting, Toner said the department is also considering whether the Waldorf should still serve as the residence of the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations as part of a review of "our security protocols and standard operating procedures to ensure the safety and security of our information and personnel." The hotel has served as the home of the ambassador to the UN since 1947 and presidents and other top officials have traditionally used the Waldorf for decades. "We are evaluating our options," Toner said. "The decision about the location of the U.S. Ambassador's residence must necessarily take into account numerous factors, including costs, the needs of the United States government and the U.S. Mission to the UN, as well as any possible security concerns." U.S. law allows the department to rent the ambassador's residence for a term of 10 years or less. The current lease expires next year with an option to renew for one or two years.

U.S. officials have pointed to Hilton's sale of the Waldorf-Astoria to China's Beijing-based Anbang Insurance Group for \$1.95 billion last year as having prompted the security concerns and on recent overnight trips to New York, Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry have all shunned the Waldorf for other hotels. It was not immediately clear if U.S. officials would be barred from meeting with foreign dignitaries at the Waldorf, which will continue to host non-U.S. delegations. □



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Man gets 12 years in prison for air-traffic facility fire

CHICAGO (AP) — A Federal Aviation Administration contractor who admitted setting a fire at a Chicago-area radar facility that disrupted flights nationwide was sentenced Friday to 12 1/2 years in prison after hours of testimony, including by a man who said his sister died before he could reach her deathbed after his flight was canceled be-

cause of the incident.

Brian Howard pleaded guilty in May to willfully destroying an air navigation facility and using fire to commit a felony. U.S. District Judge Gary Feinerman sentenced Howard, 37, of Naperville, after a lengthy hearing that included testimony from those impacted by the fire at the Chicago En Route Center in subur-

ban Aurora.

Dan Palmer testified he was forced to drive to Texas to visit his dying sister because his flight was canceled. Palmer sobbed when he said his sister died before he reached her Dallas home. "I want Mr. Howard to know how his actions affected many people in many ways that he cannot even imagine," said Palmer, who lives

in the Chicago suburb of Bartlett.

Howard read a statement apologizing for his actions, which caused \$100 million in damage, saying he was in a fog of depression at the time.

"I lost myself and I snapped. I decided to take my own life," he said. "I did not act out of anger.

I acted out of despair. I

cannot explain why I did it."

According to court filings, Howard walked into the radar facility where he worked as a telecommunications contractor before dawn on Sept. 26, carrying a gas can, a lighter and knives; he cut cables and set fire to a telecommunications room before trying to slit his throat. □

Man charged in plot to bomb Sept. 11 memorial in Missouri

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Associated Press

ORANGE PARK, Florida (AP)

— A U.S. man who claimed in online forums to have inspired terrorists in Australia and Texas was arrested after telling an informant how to build a homemade bomb to attack a 9/11 memorial in Missouri, according to a criminal complaint. Joshua Ryne Goldberg, 20, was arrested and charged with distributing information relating to explosives, destructive devices and weapons of mass destruction, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Thursday.

Goldberg, of Florida, began communicating online with an FBI informant in July, giving information on how to build a bomb using a pressure cooker and shrapnel dipped in rat poison, according to the com-



Ronald Hoose, 52, speaks of neighbor Joshua Ryne Goldberg in Orange Park, Fla., Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. This week, Goldberg was arrested and charged with distributing information relating to explosives, destructive devices and weapons of mass destruction. The complaint says Goldberg told an informant how to build a bomb and suggested the informant target a commemoration of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in Kansas City. No bomb was produced.

(AP Photo/Jason Dearen)

plaint. Goldberg instructed the informant to place the bomb at a memorial in

Kansas City, Missouri, commemorating the 14th anniversary of the September

11, 2001, attacks, the complaint says. No bomb was produced.

Goldberg, claiming to be in Perth, Australia, said he thought a pressure cooker bomb would be the best option and suggested attacking a 9/11 memorial event in Kansas City, according to the messages. Australian Federal Police confirmed they were contacted by the FBI. In a statement, the AFP said Goldberg will be charged with providing information online in an attempt to facilitate and encourage terrorist acts in Australia.

Two federal public defenders appointed to represent Goldberg did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment. A judge set a Tuesday bail hearing for Goldberg.

According to Australian

police, they interviewed a witness who said Goldberg was an "online troll" who liked to stir up trouble through hoaxes.

On Wednesday, federal agents served a search warrant at the home Goldberg shares with his parents and two younger siblings, taking the suspect into custody.

Goldberg admitted under questioning that he had provided the informant with bomb-making information and used the online aliases associated with their conversations, according to the complaint. Goldberg told agents that he believed the instructions would create a working bomb.

However, Goldberg claimed that he didn't intend for the Missouri attack to be carried out. □

Mistrial for US officer who slammed Indian man to ground

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HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP)

— A judge has declared a mistrial in the case of an Alabama police officer charged with violating an Indian man's civil rights and using unreasonable force as he slammed him to the ground.

U.S. District Court Judge

Madeline Haikala announced the decision Friday in the trial of officer Eric Parker after jurors said three different times that they were unable to reach a unanimous decision.

Sureshbhai Patel, 58, had traveled from India and was visiting relatives when he was approached by police during a morning walk.

A neighbor who saw Patel called police and reported a thin black man walking through the neighborhood and acting suspiciously. Parker slammed Patel down face-first during the ensuing suspicious person investigation. Police tried questioning Patel, but the man said he doesn't speak English. Parker has said he

took Patel to the ground because he was resisting officers and reached toward his pockets.

Patel denied that through an interpreter.

Parker took the stand in his own defense and said he lost his balance while he was trying to take Patel to the ground and didn't mean to hurt him.

Video showed Patel turning to look at Parker while his hands were behind his back just before he was slammed to the ground and seriously injured.

Defense attorney Robert Tuten has said the confrontation was an unfortunate escalation of police tactics and not a criminal offense. □

Catalan separatists rally in Barcelona to secede from Spain

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of separatist-minded Catalans swarmed Barcelona on Friday, giving enthusiastic backing to independence advocates who are hoping to elect a majority of secessionists in the regional parliamentary election this month. The campaign for the Sept. 27 ballot began on the same day as the Catalan National Day holiday, which separatists have used for years to rally hundreds of thousands to call for the creation of a new European nation. Barcelona police estimated that almost 1.4 million people participated but the Spanish Interior Ministry said the demonstration attracted between 520,000 and 550,000 protesters. The top candidate on a list representing a block of pro-independence parties told reporters that separatists wanted to stage an independence referendum so Catalonia's voters could



People wave pro-independence Catalan flags, known as the Estelada flag, during a rally calling for the independence of Catalonia, in Barcelona, Spain, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Advocates of independence for Spain's region of Catalonia on Friday launched their campaign to try to elect a majority of secessionists in regional parliamentary elections on Sept. 27.

(AP Photo/Francisco Seco)

directly express their sentiment. But since the central government in Madrid refused, "the only way we can know what the people want is to use the elections on the 27th," said the candidate, Raul Romeva.

Pro-independence parties need 68 seats in the 135-member parliament to push forward their agenda. Polls show them on track to win a slim majority. Independence backers say a win would give the lawmakers a mandate to start drafting a Catalan constitution and attempt secession negotiations with the central government. A unilateral declaration

of independence for the highly industrialized north-eastern region, which has a population of 7.5 million and about 18 percent of Spain's economic output, could be made by the parliament by 2017, separatists say. "I am willing to go to the end of this process if we have the majority of seats in parliament," said Artur Mas, Catalonia's regional leader. But Mas said inde-

pendence aspirations must be put on hold if backers fail to win a majority in the regional parliament. The central government in Madrid has consistently insisted that independence for the region is unconstitutional. Spanish officials have also said they won't let citizens who live in Catalonia be stripped of their Spanish citizenship. Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria told reporters Friday that a regional parliamentary majority for separatists won't help them pull the region away, because Spain's autonomous regions don't have the legal power to do so. Polls have shown Catalans overwhelmingly support the right for a secession referendum but are evenly divided over whether they actually want the region to be independent. Polls show they are against it if it means a Catalan state would be outside the 28-nation European Union. Protester Noelia Godoy, 25, a transportation company worker, said she would vote for a pro-independence party because she believes Catalonia doesn't get back what it pays in taxes. □

Greece Poll: Syriza pulling ahead in election run-up

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The radical left Syriza party of former prime minister Alexis Tsipras is pulling ahead of the conservative main opposition party in the run-up to Greece's snap general election on Sept. 20, according to an opinion poll published Friday. The poll conducted for the left-leaning Efimerida ton Syntakton newspaper showed Syriza at 28.5 percent compared to 23.5 percent for the center-right New Democracy party. Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn was in third place with 6.5 percent, while 17.5 percent of respondents were undecided or would not answer. Conducted by ProRata on Sept. 7-9, the nationwide

poll questioned 1,300 people by telephone and had a margin of error of 2.8 percentage points. Other polls have shown the two main parties in a dead heat. Friday's poll shows an improvement for both Syriza and New Democracy. In late August, a similar poll from the agency had Syriza at 23 percent and New Democracy at 19.5 percent. All polls conducted so far show no party able to win enough parliamentary seats to govern without coalition partners. The nationalist Independent Greeks, Syriza's governing coalition partner, was polling at 2.5 percent — short of the 3 percent threshold required to win

any seats. A failure by the party to gain representation could complicate Tsipras' options if he falls short of an overall majority. Tsipras resigned barely seven months into his four-year term. He triggered the election after Syriza hardliners rebelled over his decision to sign a third bailout deal with creditors that required spending cuts and tax hikes despite his promises to end austerity. The Syriza hardliners have formed a new party, Popular Unity, advocating Greece's exit from Europe's joint currency, the euro. Friday's poll showed the party at 2.5 percent, not enough to get into parliament. □

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Saudi Arabia: 87 dead in crane collapse at Mecca mosque

ABDULLAH AL-SHIHR

IADAM SCHRECK

Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)

— A towering construction crane collapsed on Friday during a violent rainstorm in Saudi Arabia's city of Mecca, Islam's holiest site, crashing into the Grand Mosque and killing at least 87 people ahead of the start of the annual hajj pilgrimage later this month. Videos and photos posted by social media users showed a grisly scene, with police and onlookers attending to bloodied bodies on the polished mosque floors.

Saudi Arabia's civil defense authority provided a series of rising casualty numbers on its official Twitter account. As of late Friday, it said those injured in the disaster numbered 184.

A photo posted online by the authority showed police and workers in hard hats inspecting a pile of collapsed concrete slabs inside a part of the sprawling, ornately decorated mosque.

Authorities did not provide details on the victims' nationalities, but it was likely that the tragedy will touch several countries.

The Grand Mosque and the cube-shaped Kaaba within it draw Muslims of all types from around the world throughout the year, though numbers increase significantly in the run-up to the hajj.

Performing the pilgrimage once during one's lifetime is a duty for all able-bodied adult Muslims.

Pan-satellite Al-Jazeera Television broadcast footage from inside the mosque compound said to be from the aftermath of the accident, showing the floor strewn with rubble and what appear to be pools of blood.

Another video, on a Twitter posting, captured the apparent moment of the crane's collapse during a heavy rainstorm, with a loud boom, screams and confusion.

Other Saudi officials could not immediately be reached or referred queries



A collapsed crane is seen over the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. The accident happened as pilgrims from around the world converged on the city, Islam's holiest site, for the annual Hajj pilgrimage, which takes place this month, killing dozens. The civil defense authority announced the collapse and a series of rising casualty numbers on its official Twitter account. (Saudi IMGD of Civil Defense via AP)

to the civil defense statements.

Several cranes surround the mosque to support an

ongoing expansion and other construction work that has transformed the area around the sanctuary. Steep hills and low-rise traditional buildings that once surrounded the mosque have in recent years given way to shopping malls and luxury hotels — among them the world's third-tallest building, a giant clock tower that is the centerpiece of the Abraj al-Bait complex.

The construction giant Saudi Binladin Group is leading the mosque expansion and also built the Abraj al-Bait project.

The Binladin family has been close to the ruling Al Saud family for decades and oversees major building projects around the country. The Binladen family disowned one of its many members, late al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, in the 1990s.

It was not immediately clear who owned the crane that collapsed or whether it was involved in the expansion of the mosque or another project nearby. □

Saudi-led airstrikes and rebel shelling kills 35 in Yemen

AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP)

Two days of airstrikes by a Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels killed seven civilians in the country's capital, Sanaa, independent security and health officials said Friday. The strikes targeted camps and weapons depots used by the rebels, known as Houthis, which are located near residential areas in the city, the officials said. The death toll included those killed on Friday and Thursday, they said.

In the stricken area, many residents had fled their homes for safer neighborhoods, away from rebel posts, while others have left the rebel-held Sanaa entirely, according to those who stayed behind.

"We've lived a night full of fear," said Ammar Badawy, a resident of western Sonayna neighborhood where the Saudi-led airstrikes hit an air force academy, also controlled by the Houthis.

"The windows and doors in my house came off and were destroyed from the sheer power of the explo-

sions," Badawy said.

Another Sanaa resident, Hoda Saleh, said she, her husband, and their children left their home in al-Nahda neighborhood. They are now staying at a hotel in another area of the Yemeni capital.

Al-Nahda has seen intense airstrikes over the past few days targeting Houthi leaders' homes, weapons depots, and camps.

Yemen has been torn by a ferocious war pitting the Houthis and forces fighting for former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against

fighters loyal to exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, as well as southern separatists, local militias and Sunni extremists.

The Houthis took over Sanaa last September, taking control of government buildings there. As the rebels advanced around the country, a Saudi-led coalition launched an airstrikes campaign against them in March.

In the key central Marib province, the Houthis on Friday fired several Katyusha missiles into a residential neighborhood in the pro-

vincial capital, also called Marib, killing 25 civilians and wounding others, tribal and independent security officials said.

Pro-government forces control most of the city and large areas of the province. The Houthi-run Saba news agency said the Katyushas targeted and killed al-Qaida and other fighters there. The pro-government forces say they are looking to take all of Marib, before pushing onto the adjoining Jawf province, which connects Marib to Saada province — the Houthi heartland. □

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India: 12 guilty in 2006 Mumbai train bombings

NEW DELHI (AP) — Twelve suspected Islamic militants were convicted Friday in the bombings nine years ago of seven Mumbai commuter trains that killed 188 people and wounded more than 800.

The trial in India's notoriously slow justice system lasted more than seven years. It concluded in August last year, but Judge Yatin D. Shinde took one year to write the verdict. He found 12 defendants guilty of murder and criminal conspiracy and acquitted one person for lack of evidence. Shinde said he would announce the sentences on Monday after hearing arguments from the prosecutors and defense attorneys. The defendants face possible death penalties or life in prison.

Seven bombs exploded within a span of 10 minutes during the evening rush hour on trains in Mumbai, the financial and entertainment capital of India, on July 11, 2006. Prosecutors said the con-



A defendant, one of the 13 accused in the 2006 Mumbai train bombings case leaves for the prison after the court verdict, in Mumbai, India, Friday Sept. 11, 2015. Twelve suspected Islamic militants were convicted Friday for the bombings nine years ago of seven Mumbai commuter trains that killed 188 people and wounded more than 800. (AP Photo/Rajanish Kakade)

spiracy was hatched by Pakistan's Directorate of Inter-Services Intelligence, or ISI, and carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives with help from the Students' Islamic Movement of India, a banned

militant organization. The 12 convicted in the case were believed to belong to the Indian militant group. Lashkar-e-Taiba is a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group. Pakistan has de-

nied the Indian claims. The neighboring countries have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947 and have been engaged in a fitful peace process in recent years. □

Chinese district threatens to kill all its pet dogs

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese district government is giving dog owners a stark choice: Get rid of your pets or we'll come to your home and kill them on the spot.

Even in a country where dog ownership is tightly regulated, the order issued this week by the Dayang New District in the eastern city of Jinan is extreme.

"No person is permitted to keep a dog of any kind," said the notice posted on gateposts around the community of mostly high-rise apartment blocks. "Deal with it on your own, or else the committee will organize people to enter your home and club the dog to death right there." Regional governments have killed stray animals before, but Dayang's order also covers dogs that have been registered and vaccinated.

Culls often follow outbreaks of rabies, a disease that kills about 2,000 Chinese each year, but the order cites only the maintenance of environmental hygiene and "everyone's normal lives" as reasons.

People who answered calls Friday at the district government office said no one was available to discuss the matter.

However, an unidentified worker from the Dayang village committee interviewed by a local television station insisted the order was the will of the majority of the district's more than 1,000 residents.

"Dogs are always defecating all over the place and bothering people. A lot of people were complaining so we wrote a public notice to avoid a conflict," the man said. □

South Korea:

Man gets 12 years for slashing US ambassador

HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— A Seoul court on Friday handed a 12-year prison sentence to a South Korean man who slashed and seriously injured the U.S. ambassador during a March forum.

Kim Ki-jong was convicted of attempted murder, assaulting a foreign envoy and obstruction, according to Seoul Central District Court spokesman Joon Young Maeng.

Both Kim and the prosecution have one week

to determine whether to appeal, Maeng said. Prosecutors had previously asked for a 15-year prison term.

Kim slashed Mark Lippert during a breakfast forum in Seoul, leaving deep gashes on the envoy's face and arm. Lippert was treated for five days at a Seoul hospital.

Kim has described himself as an anti-U.S. activist. He told police that his assault was meant to protest annual U.S.-South Korean military drills but that he did not intend to kill the am-

bassador. The drills, which are meant as a deterrent against North Korean attack, are a major source of friction on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang says they are practice for a northward invasion to topple the dictatorship that has ruled the country since its founding in 1948. U.S. and South Korean officials say the drills are defensive in nature. Police said Kim attempted to kill Lippert because he knifed him more than twice with a force that was enough to penetrate the ambas-

sador's arm as he tried to block the attack. During earlier police questioning, Kim also said South Korea is a semi-colony of the U.S. and that North Korea has an independent, self-reliant government, according to Seoul police. Shortly after his arrest, Kim shouted that the U.S.-South Korea war games were an obstacle against a Korean unification. The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war since the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. □



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Harsh sentence for protest leader a gamble for Venezuela



Lilian Tintori, wife of jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, speaks to her husband supporters, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Lopez was convicted late Thursday of inciting violence during a wave of protests against the South American country's socialist administration in 2014, and was sentenced to the maximum punishment of nearly 14 years in military prison.
(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — The stiff sentence handed down to Venezuela's most prominent jailed opposition leader brought a cascade of criticism on Friday as President Nicolas Maduro's government continued along a combative path despite a crushing economic crisis, feuds with neighboring countries and accusations of authoritarianism.

Leopoldo Lopez was convicted late Thursday of inciting violence during a wave of protests against the South American country's socialist administration in 2014, and was sentenced to the maximum punishment of nearly 14 years in military prison.

Critics at home immediately said the sentence should rally anti-government voters to the polls for crucial December elections. From abroad, the White House said it was "deeply saddened" by the ruling. Amnesty International, the European Union and U.N. human rights officials joined in condemnation.

"This case is a complete travesty of justice," said

Jose Miguel Vivanco, Americas director at Human Rights Watch. "In a country that lacks judicial independence, a provisional judge convicts four innocent people after a trial in which the prosecution did not present basic evidence"

The court rejected all but two defense witnesses, both of whom ultimately declined to testify, while letting the prosecution call more than 100 during the closed-door sessions, according to Lopez's attorneys.

Lopez insists he called only for peaceful protests and his backers blame armed government supporters for much of the bloodshed. Government officials said Lopez implicitly encouraged the violence.

The Maduro administration has grown increasingly combative in recent months as it grapples with a dysfunctional economy that has plummeted along with oil prices, contributing to the world's highest inflation and chronic shortages. The embattled president has revived Venezuela's long-dormant claim to half of its eastern neighbor,

Guyana, alarming even allies in the Caribbean. To the west, he's closed much of the border with Colombia, accusing the U.S. ally of nurturing smuggling gangs that he blames for causing widespread shortages by hauling cheap, subsidized gasoline and other products across the border.

The conviction of Lopez is likely to end, for now, a behind-the-scenes push by the U.S. to normalize relations with the country it declared a national security threat in March. The U.S. has not exchanged ambassadors with Venezuela since 2010, and it imposed

sanctions on top officials in the spring for human rights abuses connected to last year's protests.

Venezuela reacted to that action, as it often does, by denouncing those sanctions as part of an attempt to topple the government. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Lopez's wife last week and phoned Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez ahead of the verdict to express displeasure about the nature of the trial, which the defense said was marred by irregularities.


On Friday, White House Press Secretary Josh Ear-

nest said the country was using the justice system to attempt to silence critics.

Venezuelan officials reacted furiously, accusing the U.S. of coup-mongering.

"The U.S. has erased the small steps taken toward regularizing bilateral relations with this insolent meddling," Rodriguez said on Twitter.

Meanwhile, conservative lawmakers, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, began calling for a new round of sanctions in response to what the Republican presidential contender called a "show trial." □




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Brazil police want to question former president Silva

STAN LEHMAN
Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) Brazil's Supreme Court on Friday said that federal police have asked for its permission to

Silva.

According to parts of the request published by the magazine, police believe Silva "may have obtained advantages for himself,

questioning, it dramatically ratchets up the investigation that has already seen high-level executives of Petrobras and Brazil's massive construction and engi-

by businessmen to obtain Petrobras contracts, projects that then subsequently ballooned in costs.

Additionally, more than 50 federal deputies, senators and other top political figures are under investigation or have been charged. As yet, no charges have been brought against President Dilma Rousseff, Silva's hand-chosen successor, who served as the chairwoman of the Petrobras board for several years as the scheme played out. She and Silva have repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, and Rousseff has encouraged investigators to carry out their inquiry aggressively and "hurt whoever must be hurt."

The Federal Police in Brasilia and the Sao Paulo-based Lula Institute both said they had no comment on the request. Under Brazilian law, all federal politicians and some at other levels can only be investigated if the Supreme Court approves the inquiry, and eventually only be charged by the top court and tried in it.

While Silva is no longer a sitting politician, legal analysts say that such a request would need to go to the Supreme Court if the questioning of the former president is linked to an ongoing investigation into an active politician. □



Daniel Scioli, governor of Buenos Aires province, right, speaks with Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Brazil's Supreme Court on Friday said that federal police have asked for its permission to question da Silva for possible involvement in the Petrobras kickback scheme.
(AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

question former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva for possible involvement in the kickback scheme that has engulfed state-owned oil company Petrobras.

The court's press office confirmed the request, which was first reported by weekly newsmagazine Epoca on its website on Friday. The court received the request on Wednesday. It has not indicated when it would rule on the police request to question

his party ... and the government while he was president by maintaining a base of political support sustained by illicit business" at Petrobras.

Silva is a two-term president who left office in 2011 with an approval rating of 86 percent and who has made it clear he's willing to run again for the presidency in 2018 for the ruling Workers' Party, known as the PT, he helped found. If the court permits the

neering firms jailed.

"The fact that they want to question him shows they have something pretty solid against him up their sleeves," said David Fleischer, a professor emeritus of political science at the University of Brasilia. "This if the first chapter of the end of Lula and by extension the end of Dilma and the considerable weakening of the PT."

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Car bomb goes off without injuries in El Salvador capital

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador officials are investigating a car bomb that exploded outside the country's Treasury Ministry. No one was hurt, and the building was not damaged. Police say three unidentified men left the vehicle near the ministry in northeastern San Salvador late Thursday, just before midnight. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but authorities have been engaged in an intense battle with street gangs. The car had been reported stolen. National Civil Police director Mauricio Ramirez Landaverde said Friday that the bomb shows criminal groups have access to explosives. Police deactivated another car bomb Aug. 28 outside the Justice and Public Security Ministry. Authorities say that device was made of C-4 plastic explosives. □

Chile sees clashes on military coup's 42nd anniversary

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Clashes have broken out as Chileans mark the 42nd anniversary of the country's military coup. Officials report that vandals set up flaming barricades overnight. Police responded with water cannons and tear gas. At least one police officer was injured by a bullet that grazed an ankle. The anniversary of the Sept. 11 coup is often marked by violence. Officials say this year's incidents so far have been isolated and less violent than in previous years. The 1973 coup ousted democratically elected President Salvador Allende and launched the 17-year dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. The government estimates 3,095 people were killed during Pinochet's dictatorship. Pinochet died in 2006 under house arrest, without ever being tried on charges of illegal enrichment and human rights violations. □

Cuba releasing 3,522 prisoners ahead of pope's visit

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ
ANNE-MARIE GARCIA
LA HABANA (AP) — Cuba

announced Friday that it is releasing 3,522 prisoners ahead of next week's visit by Pope Francis, the third time Cuba has granted inmates freedom before a papal trip.

The Council of State announced in state media Friday that the prisoners to be freed include a mix of women, people younger than 20, inmates suffering from illnesses and people whose terms were coming to an end next year.

The government won't release people convicted of serious crimes like murder, child sexual abuse or

violations of state security. The final category is often applied to people considered political prisoners by Cuban and international human rights groups.

Also excluded from pardon were those convicted of illegally killing government cattle, a crime that often bears heavy punishment in Cuba, which suffers from widespread shortages of milk and meat, particularly beef. The government says the group includes some foreigners whose home countries have agreed to repatriate them.

A Vatican spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment but Cuba's Conference of

Catholic Bishops expressed "profound satisfaction" with the decision.

Cardinal Jaime Ortega, the archbishop of Havana, said in an interview on Cuban television last week that he had given the government a list of prisoners for possible pardon ahead of the pope's Sept. 19-22 visit ahead of a trip to the United States. He said many were being held for economic crimes such as corruption or stealing resources from the state, both widespread problems in a country where most workers hold state jobs bringing in between \$20 and \$30 a month.

The names of the prison-

ers were published in an order signed by President Raul Castro in the country's government gazette. The order described the pardons as a "humane and sovereign act." State media said Friday morning that the prisoners would be released over the following 72 hours.

Former President Fidel Castro released more than 3,000 prisoners described as "counterrevolutionaries" in 1978 and 1979. His brother and successor released 53 this year as part of the declaration of detente with the United States. Rights groups say about 70 political prisoners remain in the country. □



Witnessing History Up Close:

Dutch Caribbean Students Visit the Anne Frank House

ORANJESTAD/AMSTERDAM

- More than 50 students from Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire, Saba, St. Maarten and Statia visited Anne Frank Huis in Amsterdam on Thursday.

The students were given a special reception and a tour of the Anne Frank House, with the participation of executive director Ronald Leopold and advisory board member Joyce Overdijk-Francis, followed by a session to meet and talk over drinks and snacks. They were very impressed by the words of Director Leopold, who emphasized Anne's value for our society today. The trip through the Achterhuis with its little stairs and tiny blinded rooms left the students speechless. "It was very special to actually see this history so close up" many of them remarked.



The visit came about after program maker Tanja Fraai, who works in association with the WeConnect Foundation, made contact with the Anne Frank House for her documentary 'A Kippah in the Caribbean'. The WeConnect Foundation makes connections between the current and former member states of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The life story of Anne Frank is well known to many people on the Dutch Caribbean islands. The Anne Frank House has also been active in Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius for many years with its international travelling Anne Frank exhibitions and educational projects.

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Gold Coast: Aruba's premiere Residential Community enters its final phase of development



MALMOK - When Gold Coast broke ground in the mid 90s, local developers, Cas Bon NV., expressed their desire to make it into the premiere residential

community on the island. They envisioned finely designed high quality homes and infrastructure, and later on, past the construction phase, providing high quality services compatible with five star resorts, as homes and condos become occupied. Looking back at those ear-

ly days, developers note with great satisfaction that their vision translated itself into a beautiful neighborhood, populated by a satisfied and growing customer-base, enhance by a sterling reputation among financial institutions.

Cas Bon NV was already popular in the local market delivering affordable housing when it ventured into the condo and villa market with its locally financed Gold Coast project on Malmokweg, and remarkably throughout the many phases of construction, it remained true to the original Mediterranean and Caribbean architectural master-plan, with spacious two level homes, and upscale condos, delivering on all its promises for attractive amenities, from picturesque plazas and fountains to lush landscaping.

Now in its final phase of

construction Gold Coast is offering a not-to-be missed opportunity with only a few lots available suitable for the construction of homes, and only a few 2/3 bedroom condos for sale in its inventory. The development, now over 80% sold out, is inviting investors to visit the gated community, and tour its condos, townhouses and luxury villas.

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of Hadicurari's Brunch Menu: there are Breakfast items, Appetizers like Ceviche, Asian Salad, a Calamari basket, Prosciutto ham with Watermelon, a Caribbean fish consommé and a Mahi Mahi salad precede the Main Course options, like Grilled Tenderloin, Juicy Chicken Breast, a Pan-seared Grouper, the Catch of the Day and Garlic Shrimp. Don't forget to keep some space for dessert: Cheese Cake, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake or Ice Cream. The festive Sunday Brunch

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NFL Preview



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston (3) throws a pass against the Cleveland Browns during the first quarter of an NFL preseason football game Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, in Tampa, Fla.

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Matchup of weak teams in opening spotlight. Why? QBs.

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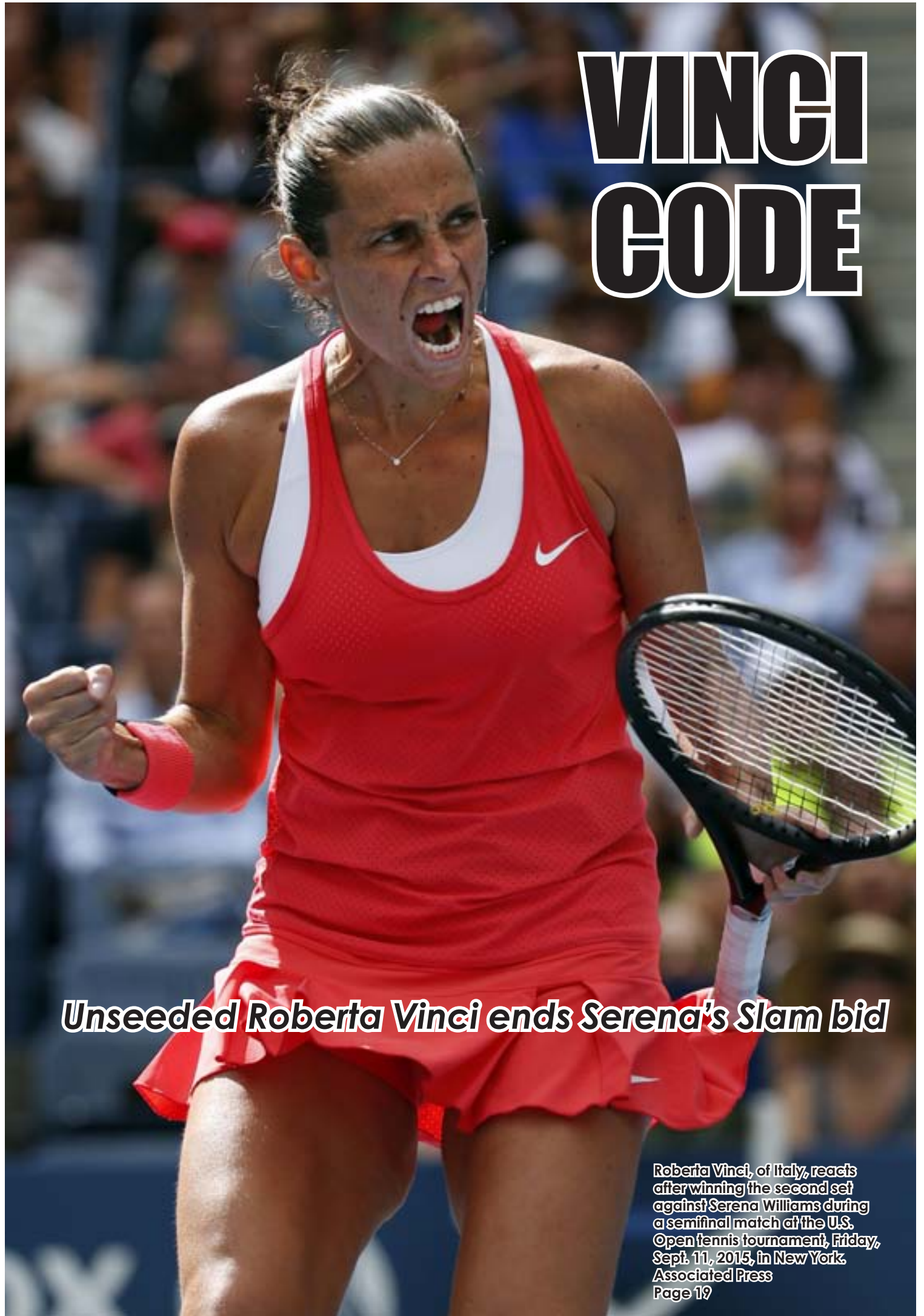
The spotlight for the NFL openers on Sunday will find its way to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Tennessee Titans, who won only a combined four games last season.

In a brilliant scheduling move, the league matched up Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota, the quarterbacks picked No. 1 and 2 in the draft in May.

Winston was taken by the Buccaneers, and Mariota by Tennessee. Both own Heisman Trophies, and both are the primary building blocks for down-trodden franchises.

Yet, to expect a lot from either of them in their pro debuts would be unfair.

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Unseeded Roberta Vinci ends Serena's Slam bid

Roberta Vinci, of Italy, reacts after winning the second set against Serena Williams during a semifinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, in New York. Associated Press Page 19

Schippers edges Felix to win 200 at Diamond League finale

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Dafne Schippers swept away any doubts she will be a gold medal contender at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, crossing the finishing line at the Van Damme meet Friday with one index finger held proudly in the air. The Dutchwoman won a stirring 200 meters to highlight the final Diamond League event, with Olympic cham-

pion Allyson Felix grimacing to the extent that even her elegant stride deserted her. "It makes me especially happy to beat someone like her," Schippers said. "There are few better. I feel delighted." Even though Schippers won the 200 at the Beijing world championships two weeks ago, there remained a big question as to who was the fastest over the distance since Felix skipped the half



Dafne Schippers from the Netherlands, left, and Allyson Felix from the U.S. run the women's 200m at the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event, at Brussels' King Baudouin stadium, on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Associated Press

lap because of a scheduling problem and won the 400 meters instead.

The duel in front of 40,000 fans at the King Baudouin Stadium delivered right away. Felix had the better start and turned into the finishing straight slightly ahead. Then the former heptathlete turned full-time sprinter this year turned on the turbo as Schippers swept past the American veteran and even had time to lift one arm in victory as she crossed the line.

Felix was the last big sprinter she still had to beat. "That feels extra great," Schippers said.

The times on a chilly night were disappointing, with Schippers crossing in 22.12 seconds, beating Felix by a tenth of a second. Elaine Thompson of Jamaica, silver medalist in Beijing, finished third in 22.26.

It didn't matter to Schippers. "Nobody is at their best at this stage in the season," she said. "It is a head-to-head duel and it is really important."

Felix knows she will have to

step up her speed work after centering most of the season on the 400.

"Hopefully I'll get back to some more speed work next year and be ready to go," Felix said.

Now all eyes are turned toward next August in Brazil. With 100 silver to go with her 200 gold, Schippers adds a defining European touch to a sprinting mix that had too often been the sole preserve of American and Caribbean athletes.

Justin Gatlin was also thinking of Rio when he pulled out of the 200 after he had already won the 100 early in the evening.

Gatlin struggled into a slight headwind and barely held off Femi Ogunode of Qatar to win in 9.98 seconds.

Both sprinters finished in the same time and held an edge of 0.01 over Jimmy Vicaut of France.

Gatlin said felt a twinge in his left quad and didn't want to enter the offseason nursing an injury.

"I just wanted to be safe so I could use my time enjoying myself," he said.

Gatlin finished runner-up to Usain Bolt at the world championships in both sprint races and had decided to double here after the Jamaican pulled out of the meet earlier this week, also to spare him the risk of injury. Instead, Ogunode won the 200 in 19.97 seconds.

The best competition of the event came early in the triple jump, where Colombia's Caterine Ibarguen again put the longest active winning streak in athletics — three years — on the line. It was close. She was still in third place on her last triple jump attempt, and again proved her resilience by bouncing back with a last jump of 14.60 meters to sweep past Israeli Hanna Knyazheva-Minenko and Russian Yekaterina Koneva and clinch her 30th straight win. The evening also had two African records, with Faith Kipyegon of Kenya winning the women's mile in 4 minutes, 16.71 seconds and Habiba Ghribi of Tunisia becoming the fastest non-Russian 3,000 steeple chaser with a time of 9:05.36. □

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Williams stunned in U.S. Open semis by Vinci

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NEW YORK (AP) — For Serena Williams' first 26 matches at major tournaments in 2015, no deficit was too daunting, no opponent too troublesome, no victory too far from reach.

She was unbeaten and, seemingly, unbeatable, nearing the first Grand Slam in more than a quarter-century. All Williams needed was two more wins to pull off that rare feat. And yet, against an unseeded and unheralded opponent in the U.S. Open semifinals, she faltered. Her pursuit of history ended, oh so close. In one of the most significant upsets in the history of tennis, Williams finally found a hole too big to climb out of, losing 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 Friday at Flushing Meadows to 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy.

"I don't want to talk about how disappointing it is for me," Williams said at the start of a briefer-than-usual news conference. "If you have any other questions, I'm open for that."

Vinci had never before played in a Grand Slam semifinal; Williams owns 21 major titles. In four previous matchups, Vinci had never taken a set off Williams.

"Every so often," Vinci said, "a miracle happens."

How little faith did even she have? Vinci said she booked a flight home for Saturday, the day of the final.

But Vinci's unusual style, full of slices and net rushes, kept Williams off-balance enough to cause problems and prevent the 33-year-

old American from becoming the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four Grand Slam tournaments in a calendar year.

As Williams quickly left the scene, hopping in a waiting black SUV and taking off, her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, was explaining to reporters what he called "a bad day, clearly."

He said he could tell before the match that something was off.

"She was very slow. There was no movement with her lower body, so she was in bad positions to be aggressive and play her attacking game," Mouratoglou said. "She couldn't find it today. You don't wake up the same way every day. Some days you feel good, other days you don't feel good. That's life. Usually she finds a way, and today she did not."

Williams had been pushed to the limit before — this was her 12th three-setter in a major this season — but had managed to win titles at the Australian Open on hard courts in January, the French Open on clay courts in June, and Wimbledon on grass courts in July. And she had won five matches on the U.S. Open's hard courts over the past two weeks.

This time, for once, the No. 1-ranked Williams could not pull it out, undone by 40 unforced errors, twice as many as Vinci. That negated the impact of Williams' 16 aces, including one at 126 mph.

"I thought she played the best tennis in her career," Williams said about Vinci.

"She played, literally, out of



Serena Williams reacts after losing a point to Roberta Vinci, of Italy, during a semifinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, in New York.

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her mind."

Vinci next faces another Italian making her Grand Slam final debut: 26th-seeded Flavia Pennetta, who eliminated No. 2 Simona Halep 6-1, 6-3 in another, if less-unbelievable, surprise.

Pennetta, 33, and Vinci, 32, have known each other since there were kids, growing up in towns about 40 miles (65 kilometers) apart on opposite coasts of Puglia, a region in the southeastern heel of Italy's boot-shaped peninsula. They used to meet in local tournaments in their early teens, then paired up to win a French Open junior doubles in their late teens. Now, all these years later, they will face each other in a stadium in New York with a Grand Slam trophy on the line.

"We'll be as tight as violin strings, both of us," Vinci said. She gave a thumb's up while noting in English that "an Italian wins, for

sure," then pointed to her chest and whispered in Italian, "Me, let's hope."

An intriguing story line, to be sure, but nothing compared to what Williams was chasing: a perfect Grand Slam season.

After all, not only was she 26-0 at those tournaments this year, but her winning streak at majors was 33 matches, because she won last year's U.S. Open. If she had managed to win a fifth consecutive major title, Williams would have raised her total to 22, equaling Graf for the most in the Open era, which began in 1968, and second-most in history behind Margaret Court's 24.

"I never felt that pressure to win here," Williams insisted. "I said that from the beginning."

Her older sister Venus — who pushed her to three sets in the quarterfinals — was in her guest box, and rapper Drake, a pal, was in Arthur Ashe Stadium, too,

Friday.

Williams grabbed six games in a row to take the first set and go ahead 1-0 in the second. Suddenly, though, Vinci broke to go up 3-2 in the second. When Vinci served out that set, Williams headed to the sideline, cracked her racket against the ground and flung it behind her chair, drawing a code violation warning from the chair umpire.

Vinci noticed.

"I saw she was nervous," Vinci said, "and that helped me."

As the third set wore on, Williams became more and more demonstrative, leaning forward, shaking her fists and screaming, "Come on!" after four points in a row during one stretch. Vinci showed emotion later, closing a spectacular 18-stroke exchange with a volley winner, then cupping her ear with a hand, before pointing to her chest and waving both arms at the spectators, encouraging them to yell for her, too.

That point ended with Williams on a full sprint, stumbling a bit as her momentum carried her to the sideline, where she bent over, chest heaving.

The crowd responded to it all with a standing ovation. Williams never was able to get back in front. She let a 2-0 lead in the third set slip away, in part by double-faulting on break point to make it 2-1. Williams double-faulted again a few games later, when Vinci broke for 4-3, a lead she did not relinquish. □

NFL clears Patriots of headset suspicion in opening game

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(AP) — Philadelphia Eagles coach Chip Kelly has heard air traffic control coming in over the headsets he uses to communicate with his staff. Former Ravens coach Brian Billick said he once heard a pizza delivery guy.

So when the Pittsburgh Steelers coaches started picking up the home radio broadcast on their headsets, there shouldn't have been any cause for suspicion.

Except they were at the home of the twice-convicted New England Patriots. "The whole world sees it," Cleveland Browns linebacker Karlos Dansby said on Friday, a day after the Steelers' headsets went out in the Patriots' 28-21 victory. "Everybody (saw) it last night. You're like, 'What? The headsets? What?' C'mon, man. You've got



In this photo taken Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin, center, talks to head linesman Kent Payne, right, in the first half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

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to be kidding me."

On the night the Super Bowl champions were hoping to turn from "Deflategate" to their title defense, the Patriots instead found themselves denying new allegations of shenanigans from Steelers coach Mike Tomlin

and a chorus around the NFL complaining that the headset technology seems to fail more often in New England.

Tomlin's clenched-jaw postgame news conference gave new life to league-wide suspicion that

something sinister is at work whenever something goes wrong against the Patriots. After describing the problem with the headsets on Thursday night, Tomlin told reporters, "That's always the case."

"Here?" he was asked.

"Yes," Tomlin said.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick responded on Friday that "it's just not right" for opponents and their fans to attribute the team's success — six trips to the Super Bowl, and four NFL titles — to dirty tricks involving videotaping, deflated footballs and now headsets.

"I think it's just sad commentary and it's gone to a pretty low level. It's sunk pretty deep," Belichick said, breaking his silence on the "Deflategate" scandal and an ESPN report last week citing 90 sources around the league — many of them anonymous, and many of them suspicious of the Patriots' techniques.

"To take away from what those teams accomplished ... it's just not right," Belichick said.

The league agreed with the Patriots — at least in this case. NFL spokesman Michael Signora said in a statement late Friday afternoon that the audio interference was "entirely attributable to an electrical issue made worse by the inclement weather."

"It involved no manipulation by any individual," he said. "The Patriots had nothing to do with it."

The latest accusations came just as the Patriots were trying to celebrate their fourth Super Bowl title and change the subject from the deflated footballs scandal that dominated the last seven months.

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"Ever since I was a kid, I was a very competitive person, and I don't take losing very well, and that's kind of what made me the player that I am today," Mariota says. "So going forward, obviously, there's going to be ups and downs. You've just, obviously, got to take it on the chin and go from there."

The Titans have taken it on the chin a lot lately, going 38-58 since last making the postseason. Tampa Bay has been worse with a collective 30-66 mark. The prize for last year's 2-14 campaign was selecting Winston, who brings tons of confidence.

"Just because you're a rookie doesn't mean you can't play football," he says.

The Green Bay Packers, many observers' pick to be champion this season, start in Chicago. The Packers have won nine of the last 10 in the oldest rivalry in American football; this is meeting No. 191. They seek a fifth straight NFC North crown without top receiver Jordy Nelson, but with an otherwise strong squad led by 2014 league MVP Aaron Rodgers.

John Fox makes his debut as Bears coach. Known for turning around struggling franchises, as he did in Carolina and Denver,

Fox hopes his best wideout, Alshon Jeffery, is not limited by a calf problem that sidelined him for nearly a month.

With Denver hosting Baltimore, the clubs have had some juicy matchups, including the wild double-overtime victory for the Ravens in Mile High City in the 2012 season. Both have defenses with impact players — Denver's Von Miller and Baltimore's Terrell Suggs, for instance — who need to step up against passers Peyton Manning and Joe Flacco.

Seattle has a good first test in St. Louis to see if the Seahawks have any lingering pain from their last-minute Super Bowl loss. The Rams will get after the passer with their dynamic front line featuring Robert Quinn and Aaron Donald. Seattle will counter with Beast Mode, running back Marshawn Lynch, and the creativity of quarterback Russell Wilson. The Seahawks are missing a key ingredient from the so-called Legion of Boom: Aggressive safety Kam Chancellor, a holdout.

In Monday's doubleheader, running back Adrian Peterson returns to the Minnesota Vikings at San Francisco after missing all but one game while on the commissioner's exempt list after charges of child abuse. He could be rusty, or the year off will have further stoked his fire and allowed him to get in even more phenom-

enal shape than usual. Bet on the latter.

In the other match, Atlanta welcomes perhaps the NFL's most intriguing team, the Philadelphia Eagles. Coach Chip Kelly was given full personnel power after his second straight 10-6 season, which he said "isn't good enough." It wasn't good enough for a 2014 playoff spot, so he tore up much of the squad. Injury-prone Sam Bradford is the new quarterback, and offensive player of the year running back DeMarco Murray left Dallas and replaces LeSean McCoy — just two of Kelly's myriad moves.

Dan Quinn, who oversaw Seattle's powerful defense the last two years, tries to rebuild Atlanta's unit, a difficult chore.

Ready to go on Thursday in the kickoff game to the regular season was Tom Brady, who threw for four touchdowns, three to tight end Rob Gronkowski, as Super Bowl champion New England beat Pittsburgh 28-21. Brady has 161 wins as a starter, the most with one franchise of any quarterback in NFL history.

Also on Sunday, it's Kansas City at Houston, Cleveland at New York Jets, Indianapolis at Buffalo, Miami at Washington, Carolina at Jacksonville, New Orleans at Arizona, Detroit at San Diego, Cincinnati at Oakland, and New York Giants at Dallas. □



New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski celebrates his first touchdown against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass.

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Mayweather insists Berto is last fight of perfect career

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AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. insists this is it, though he may be one of only a few who really seem to believe it.

Nineteen years and 48 fights haven't taken a big toll on Mayweather, but he's not taking any chances. He has seen what taking too many punches did to his uncle, Roger, and is determined to leave boxing with his brain fully intact.

Rich beyond belief, Mayweather doesn't need to fight anymore. And he says he's comfortable walking away from the sport he began learning before he could even walk.

"Not gonna miss it at all," Mayweather said. "I feel like I've been dealt a royal flush."

Those not on the inside in the Mayweather camp scoff at the thought he will



Boxers Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Andre Berto pose for photographers during a news conference Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in Las Vegas.

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retire after facing Andre Berto on Saturday. They wonder how he can resist trying to break the late heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano's perfect

mark of 49-0 and — perhaps more importantly — resist the huge money another fight would bring. Those who know him best say he means what he

says, even though an earlier retirement ended after 21 months.

"Why can't a man go out when he's had an illustrious career, accomplished everything that he needs to accomplish and be done?" Mayweather confidante Leonard Ellerbe said. "And he's done it his way."

Of that, there is little debate. Mayweather managed, in a career that dates to his pro debut in 1996, to reinvent himself several times and make more money than any fighter before him despite a defensive style that borders on boring in the ring. He earned some \$220 million in his last fight alone, a staggering figure that dwarfs all his other paydays. It happened because the desire to see him fight Manny Pacquiao was so frenzied that people paid up to \$39,000 for ringside tickets and 4.6 million households bought the pay-per-view at the princely price of \$99.95.

The frenzy has long passed, replaced by a sour taste most got from watching Mayweather methodically dispose of Pacquiao. There's so little demand to see him fight Berto that tickets were both available and plentiful direct from the MGM Grand in almost every section of the hotel's arena in the days leading

up to the bout.

Part of that is the hangover from Pacquiao, though part of the blame has to go to Mayweather's choice of an opponent. Berto may be a former champion, but he has lost three of his last six fights — two of them to fighters Mayweather beat easily — and is a lopsided 20-1 underdog in man-to-man betting.

To try and sell the fight to those at home for a suggested price of \$74.95, Mayweather has played up Berto's aggressive style and vowed to seek a knockout.

"Berto is not a pushover," Mayweather insisted. "No matter who I chose the media was going to have something to say; the critics were going to have something to say."

The promotion for Berto has been so low key it almost seems as if the fight is an afterthought to Mayweather. He bristles when it is suggested that it takes a name opponent for him to sell a fight, especially when his last five fights on Showtime have closed in on 10 million pay-per-view buys with total revenue of nearly \$750 million.

"Nobody's forced to watch," Mayweather said. "Watch if you want to watch. If you don't want to watch, don't watch."

Berto says people should tune in, especially if they want to see Mayweather get beat. Though a huge underdog, he has never been afraid to trade punches, something opponents don't normally do against Mayweather.

"I've been counted out from Day 1," said Berto, who represented Haiti in the 2004 Olympics. "I'm coming for my respect and for everything I deserve. He's sharp but I have certain tools that will make things difficult for him."

If so, Berto will do something Pacquiao couldn't do. Mayweather was at the top of his game when he beat his longtime rival in the richest fight ever, and if he does retire as planned it will be with a 49-0 record that matches Marciano. □

Gougeard wins Vuelta stage 19, Dumoulin retains overall lead



Team Giant/Alpecin rider Tom Dumoulin from The Netherlands wearing the red jersey for overall leader stands at the podium after finishing the 185.8 kilometers (115 miles) 19th stage between Medina del Campo and Avila, during the Spanish La Vuelta cycling tour in Avila, Spain, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.

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AVILA, Spain (AP) — Alexis Gougeard of France broke away from the pack and stayed ahead to win the 19th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Friday, while Tom Dumoulin extended his slender overall lead. Gougeard was followed across the line in the medieval walled city of Avila by Nelson Oliveira, with Maxime Monfort coming third in the rolling 185.8-kilometer (115-mile) stage.

Dumoulin set a fast pace on the final scramble while his main rival, Fabio Aru, lagged on the cobblestone surface. Although Aru retained second overall, he lost three seconds to go six seconds behind the Dutchman. Joaquin Rodriguez of Spain is third overall.

A pile-up after 70 kilometers (43 miles) of the stage affected both Dumoulin and Aru.

"I was behind the crash and needed to go into the gravel at the side of the road and ended up having to fix my bike," said Dumoulin, while Aru was seen receiving medical attention for slight injuries.

"These are hard days and everyone is attacking me," Dumoulin said, "but I can handle it."

Saturday's stage 20 is a 175.8-kilometer (109.2-mile) mountainous ride from San Lorenzo de El Escorial to Cercedilla that includes four category 1 peaks.

The 21-stage Vuelta ends Sunday with a ride into downtown Madrid. □



In this May 19, 2015 file photo, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx speaks at the Transportation Department in Washington.

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Automakers commit to put automatic brakes in all cars

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten automakers have committed to the U.S. government to include automatic emergency braking in all new cars, a step safety advocates say could significantly reduce traffic deaths and injuries. Making the technology widely available is part of a new era in vehicle safety in which the focus is on preventing crashes rather than on protecting occupants from their effects, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said Friday in a statement announcing the commitments.

The announcement didn't specify a timetable for implementing the change. The automakers are Audi, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Mercedes Benz, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

The technology is already available in some vehicles, but typically as an option in higher-priced models like Cadillac, Infiniti and Lexus. They are also often bundled with non-safety features like heated seats or faux leather interiors, making the overall package more expensive.

"If technologies such as automatic emergency braking are only available as options or on the most expensive models, too few Americans will see the benefits of this new era," Foxx said.

Automatic emergency braking includes a range of systems designed to address the large number of crashes, especially rear-end crashes, in which drivers do not apply the brakes or fail to apply sufficient braking power to avoid or mitigate a crash. The systems use on-vehicle sensors such as radar, cameras or lasers to detect an imminent crash, warn the driver and, if the driver does not take sufficient action, engage the brakes.

The systems could prevent or mitigate an estimated 80 percent of the rear-end collisions that cause about 1,700 deaths and a half million injuries annually, according to a recent report by the National Transportation Safety Board. There are about 1.7 million rear-end crashes each year in the U.S. □



In this file photo from Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, people wait to buy the new Apple iPhone 6 and 6 Plus devices outside an Apple store in Hong Kong.

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Out with the old...iPhones? 4 ways to reuse, resell, recycle

BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Each year, Apple dazzles its devoted fans with faster, sleeker, more powerful iPhones with better cameras and a bevy of bells and whistles. So, what's to become of last year's model? Instead of sentencing it to a lonely existence in a desk drawer, there are plenty of ways to reuse, recycle or resell older phones. Here are a few:

— DONATE TO CHARITY

Several charities accept old phones for donation, though it's worth remembering that these groups probably won't physically give your old phones to people in need. Rather, they work with phone recyclers and sell your donated phones to them.

A nonprofit group called Cell Phones for Soldiers will take your "gently used" phone and sell it to a recycling company. It will then use the proceeds to buy international calling cards for soldiers so they can talk to their loved ones back home.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence works in a similar manner.

About 60 percent of the phones it collects are refurbished and resold. The money goes toward supporting the coalition. The remaining 40 percent of the phones are recycled, according to the group's website. It pays for shipping if you are mailing three or more phones. The group also accepts other electronics such as laptops, video game systems and digital cameras.

— SELL FOR SOME CASH

You can always join the eBay hordes and sell your phone on the site for a few hundred bucks, if you are lucky. There will likely be a flood of the gadgets soon after people start getting their new phones, so it might make sense to wait a little.

There are also plenty of other options. A company called Gazelle will make an offer for your old phone based on its condition, your phone carrier and other information. For example, a 64 gigabyte iPhone 6 on AT&T in good condition (no cracks, major scratches or scuffs, turns on and makes calls), would get you \$305 this week. The same phone on Sprint, meanwhile,

would rake in \$220.

Glyde.com also offers to help you resell your old phone. A recent check showed the same iPhone, with charger included, getting you \$376.10 — provided there is a buyer.

— TRADE IN FOR SOMETHING ELSE

Apple will give you store credit for old devices that you can then use for new gadgets. You can do this in a retail store or online, where you'll get an estimate before mailing in your phone. An online check for the phone above yielded an estimated \$325 Apple Store gift card this week.

The video game retailer GameStop, meanwhile, offers cash or store credit for old iPhones (along with iPods and iPads).

— REUSE, REPURPOSE

Even without cellular service, your old phone will be able to get on Wi-Fi, so you can use it to stream music, post on Facebook or do pretty much anything else you want provided you are in Wi-Fi range. Keep it for yourself, or load it up with kid-friendly apps and games and hand it down to your children. □

Wall Street manages slight gains to end week

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major stock indexes shook off an early stumble to finish with slight gains on Friday as

lower at the opening of trading on Friday, as falling oil prices pulled oil and gas companies down.

The economic news wasn't encouraging, either. A

"I understand why folks are nervous. I think eventually things will settle down."

The Standard & Poor's 500 gained 8.76 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at

6 percent over the past month. It has been a staggered fall, with sharp drops one week followed by slight gains the next.

Wall Street is divided over whether the Fed will raise its benchmark lending rate next week for the first time in nine years. The Fed slashed its key rate to near zero during the financial crisis, supporting the stock market's seven-year run. Uncertainty over the Fed's timing has kept investors on edge.

Major markets in Europe ended with losses on Friday. Germany's DAX dropped 0.9 percent, while France's CAC-40 sank 1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 slipped 0.6 percent.

In Asia, China's Shanghai Composite Index added 0.1 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.3 percent. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.2 percent.

Before traders return to their desks on Monday, a large batch of Chinese economic news will come out over the weekend. Joshua Mahony, market analyst at IG in London, said that could lead to a turbulent start to trading next week.

"The weekend release of Chinese retail sales, industrial production and fixed asset investment numbers means that Monday is likely to start with a bang," Mahony said. □



Trader Sal Suarino, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Major stock indexes shook off an early stumble to finish with slight gains on Friday as traders turned their attention to a key meeting of the Federal Reserve next week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

traders turned their attention to a key meeting of the Federal Reserve next week. It was a quiet end to another turbulent week. Thanks largely to a big jump on Tuesday, the market finished with a 2 percent gain for the week, recouping a portion of the steep losses from the week before. The major indexes headed

reading on consumer confidence this month sank to its lowest level since September of last year.

"It seems people are focused on the market's volatility and the potential impact of a slowing China," said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors in New York, the money-management firm.

1,961.05. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 102.69 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,433.09, while the Nasdaq composite rose 26.09, or 0.5 percent, to 4,822.34. News about China's slowing economy, a looming rate increase from the Fed and a host of other concerns have combined to knock the market down

STREET BRIEFS

Yahoo marketing head Savitt leaving for TV studio job

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo's chief marketing officer and head of media is leaving the company to join movie and TV studio STX Entertainment. STX said Friday that Kathy Savitt will become the president of its digital business in October. Savitt started at Yahoo in September 2012. Before that, she worked for Amazon.com Inc. and founded the online commerce service Lockerz. Three years into the tenure of CEO Marissa Mayer, Yahoo is still trying to turn its business around and reverse a slide in its revenue. The company wants to spin off its most prized asset, a stake in Alibaba Group, but it's not clear if Yahoo will be able to make that move without paying a hefty tax bill. Film producer Robert Simonds and TPG Capital executive Bill McGlashan founded STX in 2014. □

TeliaSonera and Telenor: merger of Danish units off

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Telecom operators TeliaSonera and Telenor have abandoned a proposed merger of their Danish operations due to concerns by European Union regulators that it would stifle competition. The Swedish and Norwegian companies said Friday in a joint release they were unable to agree with the EU's executive Commission "on acceptable conditions" to create "a robust mobile operator" in Denmark based on a deal agreed on in December. EU Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said in a separate statement that discussions with the parties on the merger "were not able to fully address the Commission's competition concerns". She added: "What the parties offered was not sufficient to avoid harm to competition in Danish mobile markets." □

APEC pledges to avoid competitive devaluations

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— Finance ministers from Asian and Pacific nations said Friday they are committed to strengthening economic growth and stability in the region and will refrain from competitive currency devaluations amid financial volatility.

The finance ministers from the 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum made the statement at the end of their two-day meeting in central Cebu City ahead of a leaders' summit in November.

They said they would refrain from competitive devaluations and resist all forms of protectionism.

Chinese Vice Finance Min-

ister Shi Yaobin, whose country's currency devaluation in August rattled global financial markets, said "China agrees that we will not to adopt the practice of competitive depreciation."

A devaluation can help boost a country's exports by making them cheaper to buy with other currencies and more competitive. "We reaffirm our previous commitments on monetary and exchange rate policies. We will refrain from competitive devaluation and resist all forms of protectionism," the ministers' statement said.

Shi said the Chinese economy is facing "some down-

ward pressure" and acknowledged volatilities in the capital and stock markets following the Aug. 11 devaluation, which was "totally because of technical reasons and factors."

He said the problems were only a "temporary phenomenon and they can only last ... one to two months."

In their statement, the finance ministers said they have crafted a voluntary and non-binding plan they will submit to the leaders aimed at creating "an APEC community that is more prosperous, financially integrated, transparent, resilient and connected."

They said the continued growth of the region requires efficient, innovative and competitive financial markets and promised to work to develop a more inclusive market across APEC as well as facilitate intra-regional trade and investment and greater regional integration.

Recognizing that the region faces frequent costly natural disasters, the finance ministers agreed to enhance their financial resilience "through the development of innovative disaster risk financing and insurance mechanisms and other risk transfer instruments" in the capital markets. □

US oil production seen tumbling, but low prices may hold

PARIS (AP) — Oil supply from the United States, Russia and other countries outside of OPEC is expected to drop sharply next year — possibly the steepest decline since the Soviet Union collapsed — because of low prices, the International Energy Agency forecast Friday.

In its latest monthly report, the IEA says non-OPEC production is expected to drop nearly half a million

barrels to 57.7 million barrels a day in 2016. But a prominent investment firm questions whether even a cut that steep will shrink the glut of oil on the market enough to boost the price. Amid booming U.S. production and high OPEC output, the benchmark price of oil plunged from over \$100 last year to about \$45 this week. Global oil demand has grown, but at a slower pace, and analysts have

said big production cuts are needed to balance the market.

Producers in the U.S., who need a higher price per barrel than OPEC countries to break even, have started to cut back. The U.S. Energy Department estimated this week that production fell by 140,000 per day in August. The decline is expected to widen in the coming months, and production should average

400,000 barrels a day less in 2016 than in 2015.

Russian and North Sea supply is also forecast to shrink in 2016, according to the IEA. Overall, non-OPEC production should drop the most since 1992, when non-OPEC output shrank 1 million barrels after the USSR fell apart.

Low oil prices are also sparking an increase in demand, IEA said. With pump prices well below \$3 a gal-

lon in most states, gasoline demand in the U.S. is at an eight-year high. The agency said demand in China is still growing, despite signs of economic weakness, as growing use of transportation fuels offsets lower industrial demand for crude oil. The agency forecast global oil demand would rise 1.7 million barrels a day this year, the highest in five years, and grow by another 1.4 million next year. □

US producer prices unchanged in August as gas costs fall



Joao Rodrigues, left, removes a pair of newly-formed midsoles for the New Balance proposed 950v2 sneaker that has passed military testing, from an IMEVA oven as Loyd Johnson looks on at the company's manufacturing facility in Boston. The Labor Department releases the Producer Price Index for August on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.

(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The prices charged by U.S. manufacturers, farmers

and other producers were unchanged in August, the latest evidence that inflation is tame.

The Labor Department said

Friday the producer price index, which measures price changes before they reach the consumer, was flat after a 0.2 percent in-

crease in July. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core prices rose 0.3 percent last month. In the past year, wholesale prices have actually fallen 0.8 percent, the seventh straight 12-month decline. Core prices have risen just 0.9 percent during that time.

With oil and gas prices falling and most other costs little changed, American consumers are enjoying mild inflation. The dollar has risen about 15 percent in value in the past year, which makes imports cheaper.

Yet tepid price increases pose a dilemma for the Federal Reserve. It wants to see inflation closer to its 2 percent target before raising interest rates, potentially as soon as its meeting next week.

The Fed targets 2 percent inflation as a cushion against falling prices, or deflation, which can drag down wages and is hard to

counteract.

Wholesale gas prices fell 7.7 percent in August, the government said, the biggest drop since January. Home heating oil prices fell 11 percent. The cost of airline tickets and pickup trucks also fell.

A gallon of gas cost an average \$2.37 on Thursday, 22 cents cheaper than a month earlier and down by \$1.06 in the past year.

But there are also some signs of rising costs. In the past three months core prices have increased at a 3.4 percent annual rate, compared with a 1.8 percent decline in the preceding three months. Much of that increase has been driven by rising profit margins at retailers and wholesalers.

Greg Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics, said wholesale prices should move up later this year as oil prices stabilize and the economy continues to grow. □

America's budget deficit drops to \$64.4 billion in August

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government ran up a much smaller budget deficit in August than a year ago, remaining on track to record the smallest annual deficit in eight years.

The Treasury Department said Friday that the deficit in August totaled \$64.4 billion, a drop of 50 percent from the same month a year ago.

Much of that improvement

reflected quirks in timing related to the calendar. Some \$42 billion in August benefit payments were made in July because Aug. 1 fell on a Saturday.

Through the first 11 months of this budget year ending Sept. 30, the deficit is running 10 percent below last year's level.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for the full year will drop to \$426 billion, down 11.8 percent from the previous year as a

stronger economy brings in more tax revenue.

The 2014 deficit was an improvement from a deficit of \$679.5 billion in 2013. For the four years before 2013, the deficit ballooned to annual deficits above \$1 trillion, reflecting a deep recession that cut into tax revenues and expanded government spending on such programs as unemployment benefits and a stimulus package aimed at jump-starting growth.

Through the first 11 months

of this year, government revenues total \$2.88 trillion, up 8 percent from the same period a year ago. Government spending over the past 11 months is up 4.8 percent to \$3.41 trillion.

The CBO's forecast of a 2015 deficit of \$426 billion would be the lowest imbalance since the deficit stood considerably lower at \$160.7 billion in 2007.

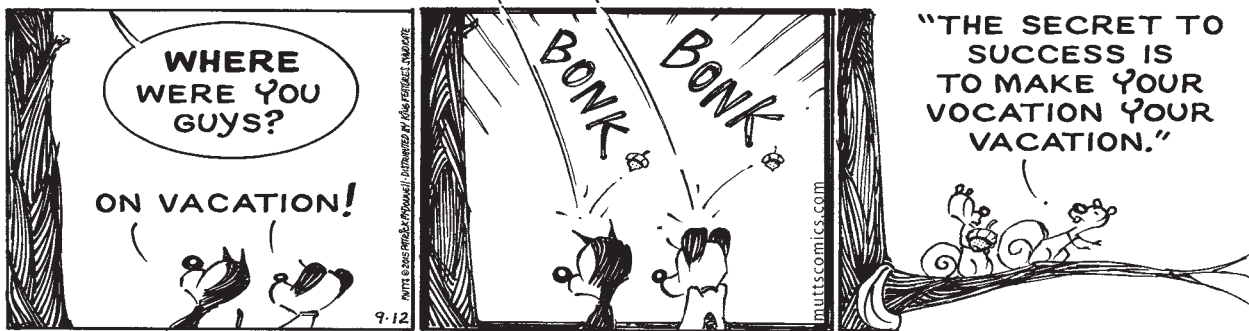
The huge deficits over the past eight years pushed the national debt up to a

current level of \$18.1 trillion, \$25 million below the current debt limit set by Congress.

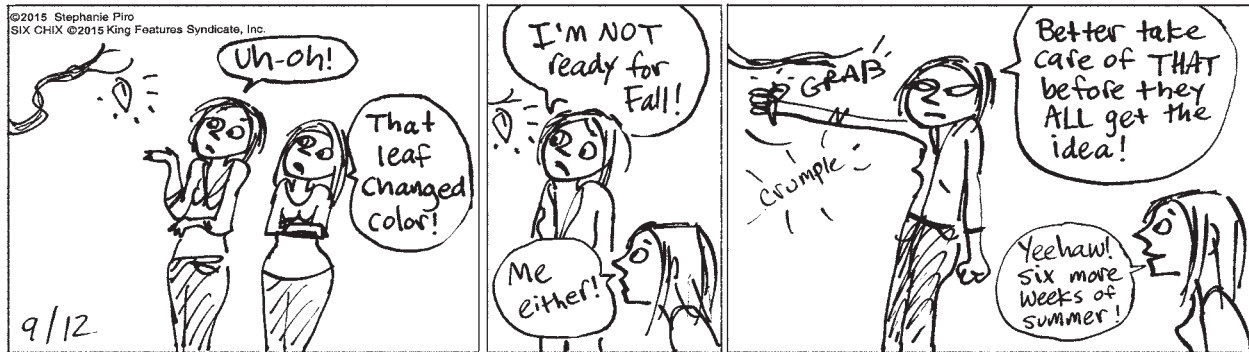
Since March, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has been employing emergency measures to keep the government from going over the debt limit.

In a letter to Congress on Thursday, Lew estimated that the emergency measures he is now employing will last until late October or possibly into early November. □

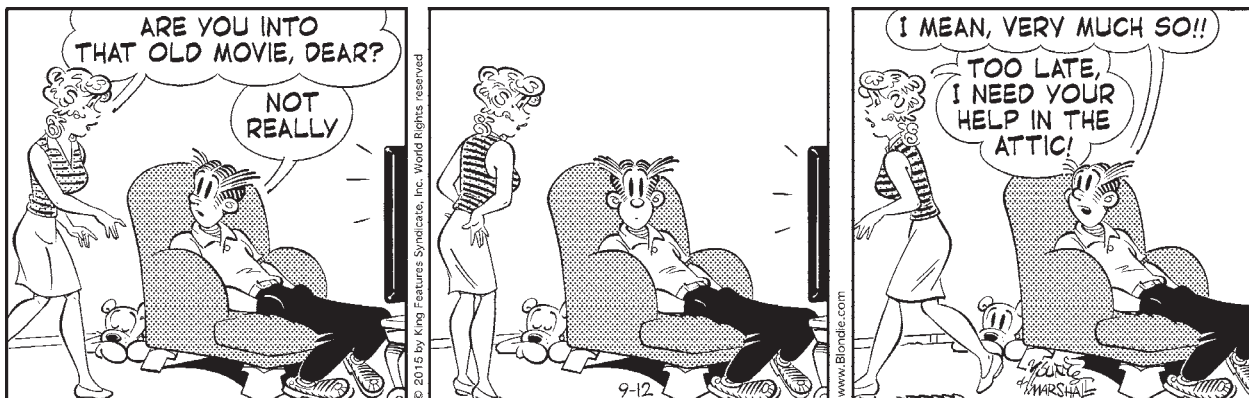
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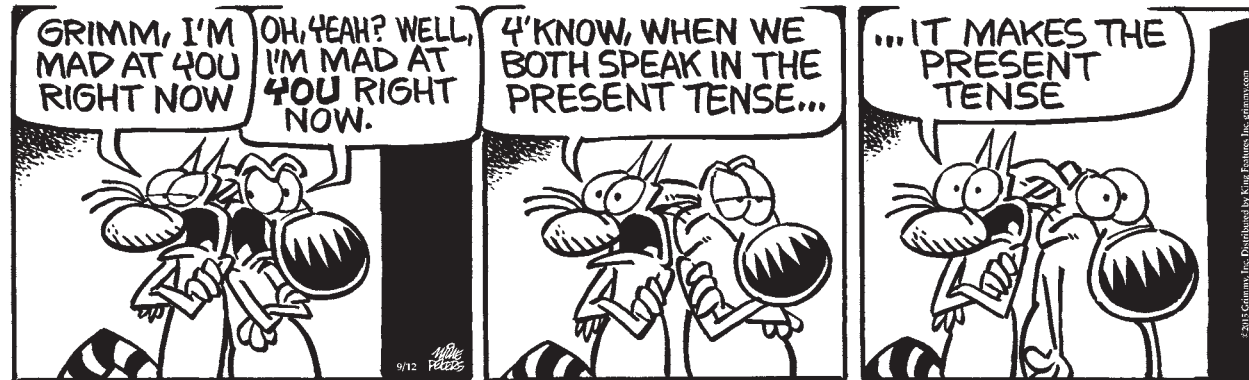
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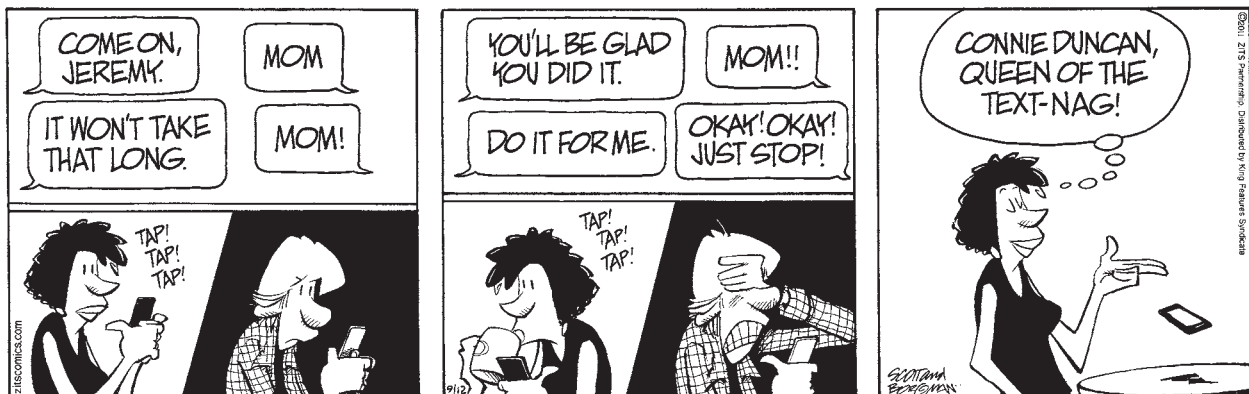
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Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer	5	1	3	4	8	6	2	7	9
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ACROSS

- 1 Church seats
5 Come __; ravel
10 " __ Wonderful Life"
14 Hawaiian island
15 Ore seeker
16 Sketch
17 Get ready, for short
18 Calcutta's land
19 Holler
20 __ to; put in the care of
22 Heart, gizzard, liver, etc.
24 Curvy letter
25 Up to the time that
26 __ queen; one who is overly emotional
29 Pacino & Gore
30 Part of the leg
34 Abounding
35 Barn dinner
36 Nuts covering a pie's top
37 Mean Amin
38 Viral disease of childhood
40 "Nonsense!"
41 Mel or José
43 Body of water
44 Actor Hackman
45 Tire groove pattern
46 Buzzing insect
47 Valentine's Day gift, perhaps
48 Walks the floor
50 Bather's spot
51 Huey, Dewey or Louie
54 Deep-dish pie
58 Marathon
59 Zeal
61 Tempt; attract
62 Done; finished
63 Jib & spinnaker
64 All __; listening
65 Koppel & Wass
66 See __ eye; agree
67 Red-brown hue

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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2 Make a salary
3 Sharpen
4 __ Court; group for Scalia and Ginsburg
5 Haywire
6 Two cups
7 Conjunction
8 Rules as king
9 Characteristic
10 Rustic & calm
11 Aspen or larch
12 __ and pepper
13 Pointed tools
21 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
23 Dogcatcher's risks
25 __ S. Grant
26 Move aimlessly
27 Equestrian
28 In flames
29 Battery size
31 Ruth and Didrikson
32 Ridiculous
33 Blaze residue
35 That girl
36 Split __ soup

- 38 Olympics prize
39 Mr. Iacocca
42 Eminem and LL Cool J
44 Turkey
46 Sell down the river
47 Massage
49 Stop
50 Upper body
51 Horse's gait
52 Talk wildly
53 __ tea
54 Young horse
55 Island feast
56 Blunders
57 Take a break
60 Pass away

Heroes: Foiling France train attack gives new view on 9/11



FILE - From left, French President Francois Hollande, U.S. National Guardsman from Roseburg, Ore., Alek Skarlatos, U.S. Ambassador to France Jane D. Hartley, U.S. Airman Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler, a senior at Sacramento State University in California, pose for photographers as they leave the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, after Hollande awarded the three men with the French Legion of Honor on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015. (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

**TERENCE CHEA
KRISTIN J. BENDER
Associated Press
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— Three Americans who stopped a gunman on a Paris-bound passenger train talked about the significance of 9/11 on Friday at a festive parade hosted by their California hometown and in an interview to air on national television. It was a rare appearance by all three childhood friends — U.S. Airman Spencer Stone, Oregon National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos and Anthony Sadler — since their ordeal in August. They spoke to Megyn Kelly of

Fox News' "The Kelly File" before joining a "hometown heroes" parade hosted by Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson. The men have become widely lauded figures and sudden celebrities, making appearances on late-night talk shows, receiving a congratulatory call from President Barack Obama and earning France's highest honor from President Francois Hollande. Kelly asked the trio whether they have a different appreciation of what happened 14 years ago when the twin towers fell Sept. 11, 2001. "I feel so much more connected to terrorist attacks

and things like that and victims of terrorist attacks," said Skarlatos, 22, in an excerpt released before the interview airs Friday night. "That easily could have been us if any one of six or seven things went a different way." Sadler, 23, said he visited the 9/11 memorial in New York recently "and it just gave me a whole new perspective. I was just appreciative of the names on the stones out there because that could have easily been us, just as easy." Later, the friends stood on a float reading "Sacramento Hometown Heroes" as hundreds of people filled the streets to honor the men. The lunchtime mood was festive with marching bands, classic cars, patriotic balloons and lots of confetti. □

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Newest Pluto pictures show jumbled mountains, possible dunes

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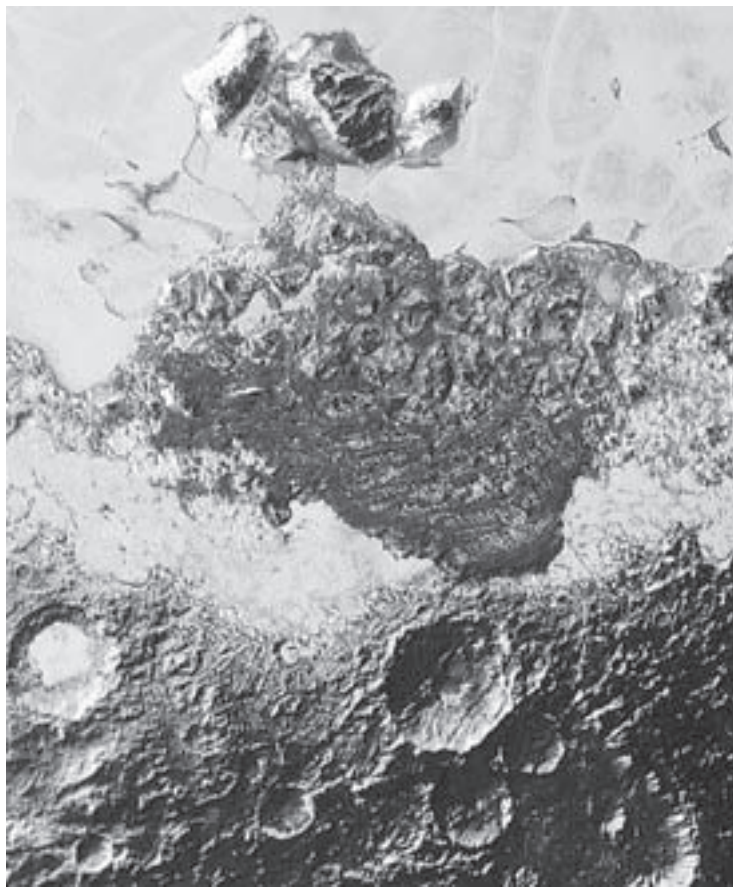
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) —

The spigot has opened again, and Pluto pictures are pouring in once more from NASA's New Horizons spacecraft. These newest snapshots reveal an even more diverse landscape than scientists imagined before New Horizons swept past Pluto in July, becoming the first spacecraft to ever visit the distant dwarf planet.

"If an artist had painted this Pluto before our flyby, I probably would have called it over the top — but that's what is actually there," said Alan Stern, New Horizons' principal scientist from Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

In one picture, dark ancient craters border much younger icy plains. Dark ridges also are visible that some scientists speculate might be dunes.

One outer solar-system



This July 14, 2015, photo provided by NASA shows a 220-mile (350-kilometer) wide view of Pluto taken from NASA's New Horizons spacecraft.

Associated Press

geologist, William McKinnon of Washington University in St. Louis, said if the

ridges are, in fact, dunes, that would be "completely wild" given Pluto's

thin atmosphere.

"Either Pluto had a thicker atmosphere in the past, or some process we haven't figured out is at work. It's a head-scratcher," McKinnon said in a written statement.

The jumble of mountains, on the other hand, may be huge blocks of ice floating in a softer, vast deposit of frozen nitrogen. After several weeks of collecting engineering data from New Horizons, scientists started getting fresh Pluto pictures last weekend. The latest images were released Thursday.

Besides geologic features, the images show that the atmospheric haze surrounding Pluto has multiple layers. What's more, the haze crates a twilight effect that enables New Horizons to study places on the night side that scientists never expected to see.

Monday marks two months from New Horizons' close encounter

with Pluto on July 14, following a journey from Cape Canaveral, Florida, spanning 3 billion miles (4.8 billion kilometers) and 9½ years. As of Friday, the spacecraft was 44 million miles (71 million kilometers) past Pluto.

So much data were collected during the Pluto flyby that it will take until next fall to retrieve it all here on Earth. The spacecraft is operated from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, which also designed and built it.

New Horizons' next target, pending formal approval by NASA, will be a much smaller object that orbits 1 billion miles (1.6 billion kilometers) beyond Pluto. It, too, lies in the so-called Kuiper Belt, a frigid twilight zone on the outskirts of our solar system. Following a set of maneuvers, New Horizons would reach PT1 — short for Potential Target 1 — in 2019. □



In this Sept. 1, 2015 photo, University of New Mexico anthropology professor Patricia Crown poses for a photo in her office on the campus in Albuquerque, N.M.

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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) —

More than 1,000 years before coffeehouse chains, caffeine was an international market mover,

with ancient civilizations trading holly and cacao-based chocolate beverages between what is now modern-day Mexico, the Southwest and the South, according to a new study.

Study: Caffeine trade thrived in ancient America

Led by University of New Mexico anthropology professor Patricia Crown, the study says the trade lasted for around 700 years, likely driven by a pre-Hispanic caffeine addiction.

Previous studies found traces of cacao-based chocolate beverages in parts of the Southwest but this new study confirms their popularity and adds the holly drink that before the study was not known to be consumed in the Southwest, Crown said.

Holly, which was used to make a caffeinated tea, was grown in what is now

the South.

Researchers found caffeine on shards from jars, bowls, and pitchers located at archaeological sites throughout present-day New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, where neither holly nor cacao grows.

"The fact we have found traces of caffeine that are 1,000 years old is exciting," Crown said. "As new technology develops, we can discover things about the past like this using objects we already have in museums."

Crown said the caffeine likely was used in rituals

and political events. Scientists believe the drinks were largely consumed by the elite or a noble class because the plant for the drinks had to go through an intricate trade route.

"For people who had a diet consisting of corn, bean and squash, the drinks provided a kick," Crown said. It's unclear if people in the Southwest traveled down to Mexico or if the plants were obtained through village-to-village trade routes.

The study is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. □

Tyra Banks and 4 fabulous friends share tips on a 'FABLife'

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Tyra Banks starts getting dressed, she finds trouble is waiting.

"I've got so many clothes and the most amazing shoes in the world!" she explains. "But when I look in the closet I feel paralyzed. I'm stuck. So I tend to reach for the same thing over and over again."

Whatever same-old-thing condition is plaguing her fashion-wise has surely escaped notice by any of her fans. But if Banks truly feels she's in a rut, help is now at hand: She need only reach out to Joe Zee, a fellow lifestyle expert on the new syndicated "FABLife," premiering Monday (check local listings).

"I think I'm gonna need Joe to go in my closet and put together outfits," Banks says.

Maybe he will.

But Zee, a celebrity stylist and Yahoo's style editor, is primed to counsel "FABLife" viewers as well: Such as when he heaps the entire contents of a viewer's closet on the studio floor and reimagines a wardrobe using what the viewer already owns, plus a few key additions.

Leah Ashley — a devotee of flea markets, vintage stores and all manner of "upcycling" — will be full of do-it-yourself projects for spinning household clutter into gold.

Lauren Makk is ready with



In this Aug. 4, 2015 file photo, co-hosts, from left, Chrissy Teigen, Tyra Banks, Joe Zee, Leah Ashley and Lauren Makk, from the lifestyle talk show "FABLife," pose at the 2015 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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interior and exterior home transformations that won't turn viewers' wallets inside out. (In a regular "Makk Attack," she'll make a house call to surprise a viewer with a room makeover.) Foodie-supermodel Chrissy Teigen will be cooking up culinary tips and tasty dishes (maybe including her recipe for osso bucco, a favorite of her husband, singer-songwriter John Legend).

Meanwhile, chief stylist Banks reigns as the resident authority on beauty and business matters of interest to viewers. (Such as with her "Elevator Pitch" fea-

ture, when Banks will listen to aspiring entrepreneurs as they pitch their new business ideas to her in — you guessed it — an elevator.) "Watch our show and you'll know everything you need," Banks sums up. "We'll not only tell you what's hip, but our stylists are at the vanguard of DECIDING what's hip. We're trying to change the world!"

This band of fab-specialists aims to learn along with the audience, partaking of one another's expertise each weekday hour.

Zee, for example, doesn't know from a glue gun —

not yet, anyway — nor is Ashley a whiz in the kitchen so far.

And Teigen isn't so swift with do-it-yourself projects, as she readily concedes.

"I'm like a bulldozer on the DIY segments with Leah. Somehow I ruin everything. But I love her craft projects and creating great gifts.

"We really do learn so much from each other," she says, "and we take these ideas home and share them with friends."

For instance, reports Teigen, "Joe taught me that any time you get a deodorant stain on your shirt, you can tear off the piece of

foam from a dry-cleaner hanger and rub the foam against that stain. And it comes off!"

"FABLife," then, is a learning experience for all concerned. "Fashion should be a reflection of you in a really fun, positive way," says Zee, who's all set to show how. "No one should feel intimidated by fashion."

Similarly, Ashley loves sharing tips on how to repurpose stuff you can't use and are tired of into "something that's fabulous and new. Doing that is great for the planet, and it saves you money, too."

Makk is just as budget-conscious with her design projects for turning your home into a castle. She advocates for resale, reuse and recombining elements to unlock a whole new look.

"I'm never gonna say, 'Get rid of everything! Get new stuff!'" she pledges.

Banks, who in the past hosted a daytime talk show solo, says she loves the "FABLife" camaraderie as well as the wide exchange of knowledge.

"I feel like the show is like pop-art-candy-fun information," she says in her rap-chatty way.

Sure, she says, you could watch all those single-topic TV shows that focus on food or design or fashion or makeovers. Banks shakes her head and laughs at such a notion.

"Like is too complicated," she declares. "Just watch OUR show!" □



In this Tuesday, July 21, 2015, file photo, Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks at his South Carolina Campaign Kickoff Rally in Bluffton, S.C.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump spokesman Mi-

chael Cohen confirmed the Republican presidential hopeful has purchased NBC's half of the Miss Uni-

Donald Trump says he's bought 100 percent of Miss Universe

verse Organization and settled all lawsuits against the media company.

The move, which Trump announced via Twitter on Friday morning, gives him full ownership of the Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants and completes a divorce begun in June when NBC announced it was ending its business relationship with Trump, who had starred on the network as host of "The Celebrity Apprentice."

The network later said

Trump would never be on "The Celebrity Apprentice" again. Since he jumped into the presidential race, Trump has rocketed to the top of the GOP pack in the polls. Trump's announcement came hours before he was scheduled to tape a guest appearance on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" for airing Friday night.

NBC confirmed it has sold its rights to the Miss Universe Organization to Trump.

The had network said in

June it was severing ties with Trump because of comments he made about Mexican immigrants during his presidential campaign kickoff speech. The fallout reverberated far beyond the pageant: Macy's stopped carrying a line of Trump menswear, a television company owned by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim ended a project with Trump and the PGA of America moved a golf tournament off a Trump-owned course. □

New book recounts Hugh Hefner's jazz, civil rights history

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hugh Hefner, centerfolds and Playboy bunnies are an obvious match. But writer Patty Farmer wants to stretch Hefner's legacy to include his devotion to music, especially jazz, and colorblind entertainment. "Playboy Swings," Farmer's nonfiction book out Monday, makes the case by recounting Hefner's efforts to popularize jazz and help its African-American artists get a place on the national stage despite mid-20th-century discrimination. "You mention Hugh Hefner and you get snickers," said Farmer, but "he was a big proponent of civil rights, human rights, gay rights and, yes, women's rights." Incorporating nearly three years of interviews and research, including access to Hefner's personal archive, Farmer's detail-rich book focuses on the music that's long been part of Hefner's life.

It was a topic of choice when he wrote for his Chicago high school newspaper.

"His whole life, he loved jazz," Farmer said. "His main contribution, and it may sound corny, but he made jazz cool."

Hefner's respect for the art form was on prominent display in Playboy magazine, at the Playboy jazz festivals and at his nightclubs in America and around the world.

The inaugural 1953 issue of the magazine, graced by Marilyn Monroe on the cover, included a telling editorial.

"He could have written about any sports figure, any politician, any movie star, and yet he chose to write about the Dorsey brothers," musicians Tommy and Jimmy, said Farmer.

In 1962, when the first Playboy magazine interview appeared, the subject was jazz great Miles Davis.

The debut of the Playboy Jazz Festival in August 1959 featured a mind-boggling



This photo provided by Midpoint Trade/Beaufort Books shows the cover of the book, "Playboy Swings," by author Patty Farmer. Associated Press

lineup including Count Basie's orchestra with singer Joe Williams; Dizzy Gillespie; the Dave Brubeck Quartet; and Davis with a quintet featuring Cannonball Adderley, according to "Playboy Swings."

The first day's gross receipts were donated to the NAACP, with the Chicago Urban League another recipient, Farmer said.

But it was arguably on television and in the Playboy clubs that Hefner made his most notable stands against racial discrimination.

As with the still-vibrant festival, he invited black and white musicians to appear onstage and on his TV shows when the civil rights battle was being fought and integration was an ideal, not reality.

The syndicated series "Playboy's Penthouse" (1959-61) and "Playboy After Dark" (1969-70) featured singers including Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat "King" Cole, and comedians Lenny Bruce, Phyllis Diller and George Kirby.

Because of the shows' refusal to make "racial distinctions," Hefner, now 89, is quoted as saying in the book, TV stations in the South refused to air them



In this April 7, 2006 file photo, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner poses at the Playboy Mansion in the Holmby Hills area of Los Angeles.

and commercial sales were hampered.

Hefner's policy of inclusion extended to his clubs. When he learned that the newly opened Miami and New Orleans franchisees were barring blacks, he moved quickly, and at significant financial cost, to regain control, Farmer said. In a letter from Hefner to New Orleans club members, she said, Hefner explained "what his beliefs were on integration, and that he was working as hard as he could to get that accomplished." □

Brian Williams returning to air on Sept. 22



In this Nov. 5, 2014, file photo, Brian Williams speaks at the 8th Annual Stand Up For Heroes, presented by New York Comedy Festival and The Bob Woodruff Foundation in New York. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former NBC News anchor Brian

Williams will return to the air on Sept. 22 as part of MSNBC's coverage of Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

The network pinpointed the date on Thursday. It had been looking toward coverage of the pope's visit as the place to start him in his new job of covering breaking news stories during MSNBC's daylight hours.

Williams lost his job as anchor of NBC's "Nightly News" and was suspended for six months after a pattern emerged that he had lied about his role covering certain news stories. Lester Holt has taken over at "Nightly News" and maintained NBC's lead in the evening news ratings competition. □

TV and film producer Merv Adelson dies



In this June 7, 1989 file photo, ABC television newscaster Barbara Walters is accompanied by her husband Merv Adelson at the American Jewish Social Concern Awards.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Merv Adelson, a film and television producer whose company Lorimar made "The Waltons" and "Dallas" and a former husband to television journalist Barbara Wal-

ters, has died. He was 85. Adelson died Tuesday of a stroke in a Los Angeles medical facility, said Ryan Rayston, a family friend and Adelson's executive assistant.

A former developer in Las Vegas, Adelson and partner Irwin Molasky formed Lorimar in 1969 and it grew into one of Hollywood's top independent production houses at the dawn of the 1980s. The company also made "Eight is Enough," "Knots Landing" and "Love Connection." Lorimar also made the movies "Being There" and "An Officer and a Gentleman," but its lack of success in feature films eventually led to its downfall. Current CBS Corp. boss Leslie Moonves was Lorimar's top executive during the early 1990s. □

Alabama murder mystery: What happened to Harper Lee's book?

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ALEXANDER CITY, Ala. (AP)

— Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Harper Lee politely knocked on truck driver Robert Louis Burns' door in rural Alabama one day more than three decades ago and asked him about the preacher he killed.

The plainly dressed writer wanted to meet the man who had stood up in a crowded Alexander City funeral home in 1977 and put a bullet in the brain of a preacher who was rumored to have dabbled in voodoo and suspected in a string of deaths in this riverside county.

"She came up out of the blue. She said I'm Harper Lee. She said I'm interested in writing this book about the reverend." Burns, now 74, recalled.

Lee, the famed author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," came to the textile town beside the Tallapoosa River, about 70 miles southeast of Birmingham, in the late 1970s to research a true-crime novel based on the bizarre tale of possible serial murder, the occult and courtroom drama. Her visits were reminiscent of her trips to Kansas in the early 1960s, when she helped her childhood friend Truman Capote research his acclaimed murder story, "In Cold Blood."

Lee worked on the Alabama book for months, maybe even years, but it never materialized. Now even her notes are nowhere to be found, giving rise to another mystery: What became of the novel she had tentatively titled "The Reverend"?

The publication of Lee's recently discovered manuscript, "Go Set a Watchman," described as a first draft of the story that evolved into "Mockingbird", has renewed interest that Lee's true crime novel could still be out there, somewhere.

That Lee put serious effort into the project is undisputed.

She worked closely with "Big Tom" Radney, a go-to defense lawyer in Alex-

ander City. Radney had successfully defended the preacher, Will Maxwell, in his homicide case and then defended Burns, the man who shot Maxwell. Radney turned over all of his case files to Lee to help her with her research, his widow said. They communicated about the book off and on for years.

"She promised him she was going to write this book about the case," recalled Madolyn Radney, the widow.

"She had this cute wit about her," she remembered. "It was obvious she was brilliant," she added. "I think she smoked a lot, drank a lot and cussed a lot and was completely and utterly charming."

The Radney family has one tangible bit of evidence that Lee's book was real: four typed pages, the opening of the novel that Radney's wife and daughter say Lee sent to the attorney. It begins with an early morning phone call from the accused black preacher to his white lawyer. Names have been changed, a sign that Lee maybe planned a slightly fictionalized account.

Hand-scrawled at the top is the title "The Reverend." The text is dotted with handwritten b's, filling in where a typewriter key apparently stuck. Radney's granddaughter, Madolyn Price, said the family confirmed that the stuck "b" was consistent with the typewriter Lee used at the time.

The Radney family showed a copy of the pages to The Associated Press with the agreement that the material not be quoted.

Lee sent Tom Radney only those four pages, but told him many times that she had written more, his family said.

"She would say, 'It's in the first draft,' or, 'The publisher wants this,'" Madolyn Radney said.

The real-life case certainly offered enough drama and color for a novel.

Maxwell was a charming, thrice-married pulpwooder who always wore a suit —



In this photo taken Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, near Dadeville, Ala., Robert Burns discusses his dealings with author Harper Lee about a true-crime book she researched nearly 40 years ago.

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even in the woods as his oversaw his crews— and he preached on the weekends. He was indicted for the murder of his first wife Mary Edward Maxwell, who was found beaten and strangled in her car in 1970. But after Maxwell married the woman who was to be a key prosecution witness

him," Burns said. "He was a strange man. They said he would kill chickens and tie them up around his house and take the blood and put them on his doorstep, said that would keep people away," Burns said. "And the chickens tied up around his house in trees and stuff would keep evil

reports. Radney had represented Maxwell in his previous troubles, but this time when Maxwell called Radney for help, the lawyer decided he'd had enough, his widow recalled.

Burns, who was Ellington's uncle, said the girl had tried to run away from home before she died, because she feared her stepfather. A Vietnam veteran later diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Burns said he has only vague recollections of killing Maxwell. He got up to view Ellington's body in her casket and saw that Maxwell was sitting on the pew behind him. It felt like Maxwell was taunting him, he said.

"That really burnt me up. I was so angry that I couldn't hardly control myself," Burns said. He spun around, pulled a small .25-caliber Beretta that he always carried since returning from Vietnam and shot Maxwell three times. One bullet hit him square in the forehead. Maxwell slumped down on a pew and died as blood ran down his face and screaming mourners fled the church.

Radney defended Burns in the death of his former client. A jury deliberated for five hours before finding Burns not guilty by reason of insanity, according to The Alexander City Outlook. □



This photograph taken Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, in Alexander City, Ala., shows the front page of the town newspaper following the slaying of Willie Maxwell in 1977.

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against him he was acquitted, according to AP reports.

Others in his family also died, including that second wife, a nephew and a brother. Maxwell was never charged in any of the deaths, but that didn't stop the whispers and rumors that insurance money was somehow involved.

"People was afraid of him, very much afraid of

spirits away."

Authorities were particularly suspicious after Maxwell's stepdaughter, Shirley Ann Ellington, 16, was found dead under his car. She appeared to have been crushed when a jack collapsed as she was changing a tire. But state investigators suspected she may have been killed earlier and placed at a scene, according to newspaper



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